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President Barack Obama addresses the Climate Summit at the United Nations, Sept. 23, 2014. "I am here as the leader of the world's largest economy to say that we have begun to do something about it," Obama told the largest gathering of world leaders ever devoted to climate change.

(Damon Winter/The New York Times)

Obama Urges World to Follow US Lead on Climate

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Obama says US will 'do what is necessary' against Islamic State

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Tuesday hailed the U.S.-led coalition that conducted airstrikes against the Islamic State in Syria on Tuesday morning, declaring, "We're going to do what is necessary to take the fight to this terrorist group."

Speaking on the South Lawn of the White House just before leaving for New

at the United Nations, is likely to galvanize a meeting that was already going to be dominated by Obama's efforts to build a coalition for the fight against the Islamic State.

Obama said he would meet with leaders from several countries in an effort to cut off the Islamic State's "financing, to counter its hateful ideology, and to stop the flow of fighters into the region."

The participation of five Arab countries in the op-

United States and Western interests." Officials did not reveal where or when such attacks might take place. Al-Qaida cut ties with the Islamic State earlier this year because the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, disobeyed orders from al-Qaida to fight only in Iraq. Just days ago, U.S. officials said the Khorasan group, led by a shadowy figure who was once in Osama bin Laden's inner circle, had emerged in the past year as the Syria-based cell



President Barack Obama speaks about the participation of five Arab nations in airstrikes against militants in Syria, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, on the South Lawn the White House, in Washington. The president said the participation of five Arab nations in airstrikes against militants in Syria "makes it clear to the world this is not America's fight alone." Afterward he boarded Marine One for a short trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., then onto New York and the United Nations.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

York City to attend the U.N. General Assembly, Obama emphasized that the extensive operation had included Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain.

"America is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with these nations on behalf of our common security," Obama said. "The strength of this coalition makes clear to the world that this is not just America's fight alone." The president said U.S. planes had also struck targets of another militant group, Khorasan, declaring that there would be "no safe haven" for the al-Qaida-linked group, which officials say has been plotting attacks against Americans. The expansion of military action to Syria, as leaders of 180 countries are gathering

eration will bolster the president's argument that this campaign does not pit the United States against the Sunni Muslim world, but rather a broad coalition of Sunni Muslim countries against a Sunni extremist group.

The attacks were said to have scattered the jihadist forces and damaged the network of facilities they have built in Syria that helped fuel the group's seizure of a large part of Iraq this year.

Separate from the attacks on the Islamic State, the U.S. Central Command said that U.S. forces acting alone "took action" against "a network of seasoned al-Qaida veterans" from the Khorasan group in Syria to disrupt "imminent attack planning against the

most intent on launching a terrorist attack on the United States or on its installations overseas.

The White House said it had for some time been tracking a plot by Khorasan to conduct a terrorist attack in the United States, and that the planning had reached an "imminent" stage, Benjamin J. Rhodes, a deputy national security adviser, told reporters on Air Force One as the president was flying to New York.

Rhodes said the United States had informed the Syrian government in advance of the airstrikes in recent days, though he emphasized there was no coordination with the government of President Bashar Assad and no advance warning on the timing or targets of specific strikes. □

Syria's Assad says backs all efforts in fighting terrorism

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Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad said Tuesday he supports any international effort against terrorism, apparently trying to position his government on the side of the U.S.-led coalition conducting airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria.

Assad's remarks came hours after the opening salvo in what the United States has warned will be a lengthy campaign to defeat the extremists who have seized control of a huge swath of territory spanning the Syria-Iraq border. Damascus said the U.S. informed it beforehand that the strikes were coming.

One Syrian activist group reported that dozens of Islamic State fighters were killed in the pre-dawn strikes, but the numbers could not be independently confirmed. Several activists also reported at least 10 civilians killed. Some Syrian rebels fighting to oust Assad welcomed the American-led strikes, but others expressed frustration that the coalition was only targeting the Islamic State group and not the Syrian government.

One rebel faction that has received U.S.-made advanced weapons, Harakat Hazm, criticized the airstrikes, saying they violate Syria's sovereignty and undermine the anti-Assad revolution.

"The only party benefiting from the foreign intervention in Syria is the Assad regime, especially in the absence of a real strategy to bring it down," the group said in a statement posted on its Twitter feed.

The air campaign expanded to also hit al-Qaida's branch in Syria, known as the Nusra Front, which has fought against the Islamic State group. Washington considers it a terrorist group threatening the U.S., although Western-backed Syrian rebel groups frequently cooperate with Nusra Front fighters on the battlefield.

In a meeting Tuesday with an Iraqi envoy, Assad voiced his support for "any international anti-terrorism effort," according to the state news agency SANA. Assad did not specifically mention the coalition airstrikes, but said Syria is "decisively continuing in the war it has waged for years against extremist terrorism in all its forms."

He also stressed that all nations must commit to stop support for terrorism — an apparent reference to countries like Saudi Arabia and Qatar who are strong backers of Syrian rebels, whom the Syrian government calls terrorists. In recent weeks, Syrian officials insisted that any international strikes on its soil must be coordinated with Damascus or else they would be considered an act of aggression and a breach of Syria's sovereignty. The United States has ruled out any coordination with Assad's government.

Still, Damascus appeared to want to show it was not being left out, vowing in a statement to fight extremist faction across Syria and pledging to coordinate "with countries that were harmed by the group, first and foremost Iraq."

Syria "stands with any international effort to fight terrorism, no matter what a group is called — whether Daesh or Nusra Front or something else," it said, using an Arabic name for the Islamic State group.

Syria's Foreign Ministry said Washington told Damascus' U.N. envoy of the impending raids shortly before they began. It also said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry passed a message through Iraq's foreign minister to Syria's top diplomat to inform Damascus of the plans.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the United States informed Syria through the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. of its intent to take action, but did not request the Assad government's permission or coordinate with Damascus. □

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Obama Urges the World to follow US lead on climate

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In the first international test for his climate-change strategy, President Barack Obama pressed world leaders Tuesday to follow the United States' lead on the issue, even as a one-day United Nations summit revealed the many obstacles that still stand in the way of wider agreements to reduce heat-trapping pollution.

"The United States has made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reductions in our carbon emissions," Obama said. "Today I call on all countries to join us, not next year or the year after that, but right now. Because no nation can meet this global threat alone."

Obama was the headliner at a marathon session of world leaders who promised to spend billions of dollars to take better care of the planet.

But none of the pledges made at Tuesday's one-day meeting was binding. The summit, part of the annual U.N. General Assembly, was designed to lay the groundwork for a new global treaty to tackle climate change in December 2015. It also revealed the sharp differences that divide countries on matters such as deforestation, carbon pollution and methane leaks from oil and gas

production:

— Brazil, home to the Amazon rainforest, said it would not sign a pledge to halt deforestation by 2030.

— The United States de-

No. 1 carbon-polluting nation, has signed a carbon-pricing agreement.

"Today we must set the world on a new course," United Nations Secretary-

of the bloc's power needs and increasing energy efficiency by 30 percent.

The United States will not release its new emissions targets until early next year.

it went beyond any of the country's previous statements.

More than 150 countries set the first-ever deadline to end deforestation by 2030, but the feasibility of that goal was eroded when Brazil said it would not join. Forests are important because they absorb the main greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide.

The United States, Canada and the entire European Union signed onto a declaration to halve forest loss by 2020 and eliminate deforestation entirely by 2030. And world leaders promised to spend a total of at least \$5 billion making the world more sustainable. That often includes turning away from coal, oil and gas and from the destruction of the world's carbon-absorbing forests.

Jose Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission, stressed that changes could be made without harming the economy.

Over the next seven years, he said, the European Union would provide \$3 billion euros (nearly \$3.9 billion) to help developing countries become more sustainable.

"The European Union is on track to meet our targets, and at same time, we have seen our economy grow," Barroso. "We prove climate protection and a strong economy must go hand in hand." □



A silhouetted President Barack Obama waves after speaking at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. Obama is in New York for three days of talks with foreign leaders at the annual United Nations General Assembly.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

cided not to join 73 countries in supporting a price on carbon, which Congress has indicated it would reject.

— And minutes after Obama said "nobody gets a pass," Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli insisted the world treat developing nations, including China, differently than developed nations, allowing them to release more heat-trapping pollution. China, the

General Ban Ki-Moon said. "Climate change is the defining issue of our age. It is defining our present. Our response will define our future."

In some ways, the climate summit answered that call. The European Union said its member nations by 2030 would cut greenhouse gases back to 40 percent below 1990 levels. The EU also called for using renewable energy for 27 percent

Zhang said from 2005 to 2020 China will reduce its emissions per gross domestic product by 45 percent. But because economic growth in China has more than tripled since 2005, that means Chinese carbon pollution can continue to soar. Chinese officials said they did not know when they will stop increasing carbon emissions. Still, outside environmentalists hailed the Chinese pledge because



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Tensions high as ambush suspect evades capture

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Associated Press

CANADENSIS, Pennsylvania (AP)

The manhunt for the survivalist accused of ambushing a state police barracks has narrowed to the rural area where he grew up and his parents still live, but the suspect has managed to elude capture despite the efforts of hundreds of law enforcement officials.

State police Tuesday brought in an armored tactical vehicle outfitted with robotic video cameras. The vehicle, called The Rook, can deliver officers to the second story of a house without having to approach from the ground, climb stairs or use a ladder, its manufacturer

says.

As the search for Eric Frein entered its 11th full day, NBC's "Today" show aired footage from an upcoming documentary about Vietnam re-enactors that featured the 31-year-old suspect. In the clip from "Vietnam Appreciation Day," Frein talks about the difficult terrain where one of the re-enactments took place.

"We had to find them, and we just walked around for two days straight," he said. In another excerpt, Frein identified himself by name and said the re-enactment was "about teaching the public and showing the equipment that was used, talking about the history of it all."



A Pennsylvania state trooper draws his weapon in a wooded area on Snow Hill Road in Price Township, Pa., during a manhunt for suspected killer Eric Frein, near Canadensis, Pa. The manhunt for Frein has narrowed to the rural area where he grew up and his parents still live.

(AP Photo/Butch Comegys)

The film's director, Patrick Bresnan, told The Associated Press that he last saw Frein in 2011.

State police have been closing roads in the Canadensis area as they hunt for Frein, who's charged with killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson on Sept. 12 and seriously wounding another trooper outside the Blooming Grove barracks.

Residents have been unable to get back to their homes due to heavy police activity in the heavily wooded region of the Pocono Mountains, and tensions are running high. The American Red Cross opened a shelter for displaced residents from two townships late Monday.

One resident, Bill Mew, said the lengthy manhunt has been nerve-wracking. "You start thinking to yourself, is this guy standing outside your front door? So you start looking out the windows, and then you think to yourself, that's not such a good idea, in

case he's looking back," he said.

Authorities have called Frein a self-taught survivalist with a vendetta against law enforcement. State police have followed up on hundreds of tips and reported sightings. None have panned out. But police officials insist they are hot on his trail.

"I do believe that we are close to him at this point," state police Lt. Col. George Bivens said Monday.

Kathryn Schaller rode the school bus for years with Frein, who was a year ahead of her in the Pocono Mountain School District. Schaller, 29, described Frein as a quiet, smart kid who kept to himself — someone more likely to be a police officer than to be charged with killing one. "I was baffled when I heard about this," Schaller said.

"Then again, that was 15 years ago," she said. "Anything can make somebody snap, I guess." □

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Police:**UPS gunman had been fired before shooting**

Police converge on a home in the Argo area of Birmingham, Ala. in connection with the investigation into an earlier shooting at the UPS service center in the city's Inglenook community, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. Police say a UPS employee opened fire Tuesday morning inside one of the company's warehouse, killing two people before committing suicide.

(AP Photo/AL.com, Joe Songer)

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Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama

(AP) —The man who killed two people and himself inside a UPS warehouse in

Alabama had been fired from the company just a day earlier and one victim had been a supervisor at the facility, police said Tuesday.

Venue change denied for marathon suspect's friend

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BOSTON (AP) —A judge on Tuesday denied a motion to move next week's trial for a college friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

Rebel Phillipos, 21, of Cambridge, is charged with lying to authorities investigating the bombing. Prosecutors say he was in Tsarnaev's dorm room at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth several days after the attack, when two other friends decided to remove Tsarnaev's backpack, laptop computer and other evidence. Phillipos is accused of lying about being present when the items were removed.

Lawyers for Phillipos had again asked to move the trial from Boston to Springfield, Providence, Rhode Island, or Portland, Maine. The defense says Phillipos can't get a fair trial in Boston because of prejudicial pretrial publicity. They say

he is described in media reports as a friend and "assumed ally" of Tsarnaev. Phillipos and Tsarnaev were classmates at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School before becoming students at UMass-Dartmouth. Judge Douglas Woodlock considered the request and other topics during a final pre-trial hearing Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm satisfied that we'll be able to get a fair and impartial jury in this case,"

Woodlock said.

Jury selection is to begin on Monday.

Two other Tsarnaev friends were convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges.

Twin bombs placed near the finish line of the 2013 marathon killed three people and injured more than 260. Tsarnaev is scheduled to go on trial in November and could face the death penalty if convicted. He also has asked to move his trial, preferably to Washington, D.C. □

Neither the gunman nor his two victims have been named, and Lt. Sean Edwards said police were still trying to reach their families.

The gunman was wearing a UPS uniform when he opened fire Tuesday morning either in or near some offices inside the warehouse in an industrial area just north of the Birmingham airport, Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper told reporters.

The sand-colored building sits on a hill and has UPS logos on the front and side. It has a parking lot surrounded by barbed wire.

The gunman had apparently shot himself by the time officers got inside the warehouse, Roper said. □

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North Carolina, in political flux, is a purple state

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SILER CITY, N.C. - In Raleigh, conservative Republicans may be running North Carolina as if they own it, but go almost any place in the state, even to this former textile town that looks like a movie-set re-creation of an older, more traditional South, and the political picture quickly blurs.

At Chatham Industrial Supply, a hardware store here, its owner, Richard Kernodle, grumbled recently about what he called the "liberal artists" who have moved to this city of 8,100 - opening galleries, throwing pottery and generally bringing the kind of lifestyle and politics one might expect 45 minutes away in the progressive college town of Chapel Hill.

Kernodle, 56, said that some of the newcomers wanted to paint murals on downtown buildings without securing the proper permits. They want gay rights taught in the schools. And he has heard a rumor that some of them tend their gardens in the nude.

So with liberals making inroads even in towns like Siler City, was it them or the conservatives who had the upper hand in North Carolina? Kernodle, a lifelong Republican, did not know: "I'll tell you," he said, "It's a 50-50 thing here."

Unlike other Southern states, which have shifted decidedly rightward in recent years, North Carolina often seems as if it is moving in both directions at once. Barack Obama shocked the political world by winning the state in 2008. Two years later, Republicans wrested control of both

legislative houses for the first time in more than a century.

Last year, aided by a new Republican governor, Pat McCrory, the legislature enacted one of the most far-reaching conservative agendas in the country, passing a "flattened" income tax that gives big breaks to the wealthy as

istered voters are not affiliated with a party.

The North Carolina of 2014, it seems, is neither red nor blue, but a shade of deep Dixie purple. It is a state where Republicans could retain control of the legislature for years, thanks to an aggressive 2011 redistricting and also because of white conservatives' aban-

sprinkled around the state - in the New Age boutiques of Asheville, the vegetarian-friendly cafes of Boone, the tech-sector office parks of the Research Triangle and in retirement homes from the Atlantic coast to the Great Smoky Mountains.

"It's a place on the cusp," said Marc Farinella, who

the late 1950s of the Research Triangle Park - the corporate and technology research center near Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill - has been both a model for the government's ability to foster development and a magnet for people and companies from outside the South.

North Carolina is a state where the Cook Out, the popular Greensboro-based fast food chain, prints "THANK YOU GOD FOR AMERICA" on its soda cups, and where in Durham, Merge Records, an independent music label, nurtures a stable of vanguard rock 'n' roll bands that help define the evolving aesthetic of global hipsterdom. It is a state that could elect a smooth-talking populist Democrat like John Edwards to the Senate, and also an ultraconservative Republican like Sen. Jesse Helms, who died in 2008.

More recently, it is a state that saw the rise of Art Pope, the multimillionaire Republican retail magnate whose financing of independent conservative political groups helped his party take control of the legislature in the 2010 elections. (Pope would later serve for 20 months as McCrory's budget director.)

But North Carolina also saw the rise of the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, an African-American pastor and the president of the state NAACP. He has emerged from a series of weekly anti-Republican legislative protests known as "Moral Mondays" to become one of the most visible civil rights leaders in a generation.

(Travis Dove/The New York Times)



North Carolina House Speaker Thom Tillis, who is in a tight race against Sen. Kay Hagan (D-N.C.) that could decide control of the U.S. Senate, stands by a bale of tobacco as he tours Vick Family Farms in Wilson, N.C. Unlike other Southern states, which have shifted decidedly rightward in recent years, North Carolina often seems like it is moving in both directions at once.

(Travis Dove/The New York Times)

well as new rules that limit access to voting, expand rights for gun owners and add restrictions for abortion providers.

And yet, in a tight race that could decide control of the U.S. Senate, it is Democrats who hold the advantage here in registered voters. Sen. Kay Hagan, a Democrat, is preparing to face Thom Tillis, the state House speaker, a Republican, and Democrats have 2.7 million registered voters to the Republicans' two million. About 1.8 million reg-

donment of the Democratic Party after years of post-Civil War fealty.

But it is also a state where a modern-day Democratic candidate like Hagan - or even like Hillary Rodham Clinton - may still dream of a statewide victory. African-Americans, who overwhelmingly vote Democratic, make up 22 percent of the population. Add to that a streak of true moderates, and the state's white liberals, who can be found not only in the big cities of Raleigh and Charlotte, but

was Obama's state campaign director here in 2008. "There's really a battle going on for the soul of North Carolina."

Influx of Liberals

The presence here of so many liberal voters to compete with a robust core of conservatives may be because of North Carolina's proximity to the more liberal Northeast.

The state also has a long tradition of intellectual liberalism closely tied to its universities.

And the development in

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D'Souza spared prison time for campaign finance violations

JONATHAN MAHLER

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NEW YORK - The conservative author and documentary filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza was spared prison time Tuesday after pleading guilty earlier this year to violating federal campaign finance laws.

Judge Richard M. Berman of U.S. District Court in Manhattan handed down a probationary sentence - including eight months in a so-called community confinement center - and a \$30,000 fine, bringing to a close a high-profile legal battle that started with D'Souza's indictment in January for illegally using straw donors to contribute to a Republican Senate candidate in New York in 2012.

D'Souza, who has accused President Barack Obama of carrying out the "anticolonial" agenda of his father, initially argued that he had been singled out for prosecution because of his politics. In April, his lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, filed court papers contending that D'Souza's "consistently caustic and highly publicized criticism" of Obama had made him a government target.

A month later, however, on the morning he was scheduled to go on trial, D'Souza pleaded guilty. "I deeply regret my conduct," he told the court.

Even with his fate hanging in the balance, D'Souza plowed ahead with his thriving career as a right-wing provocateur. Over the summer, while awaiting his sentencing, he published the book "America: Imagine a World Without Her," which reached No. 1 on The New York Times' nonfiction hardcover best-seller list, and a companion documentary film that has made \$14.4 million at the

box office.

The government charged D'Souza, 53, with illegally arranging to have two people - an employee and a woman with whom he was romantically involved - donate \$10,000 each to the campaign of an old friend from Dartmouth College, Wendy E. Long, with the understanding that he would reimburse them in cash for their contributions. Long was challenging Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, a Democrat.

According to prosecutors, D'Souza lied to Long about the donations, reassuring her that "they both had sufficient funds to make the contributions." Long pressed D'Souza on the issue after the election, and he acknowledged he had reimbursed the two people, the government said, but told Long not to worry because she had not known about it.

When D'Souza entered his guilty plea, Berman said he could face up to two years in prison. The federal sentencing guidelines call for 10 to 16 months, but the final decision is up to the judge's discretion.

"Judges are all over the map on these reimbursement cases," said Robert Kelner, a campaign-finance lawyer at Covington & Burling.

D'Souza's lawyers asked for leniency, arguing in a court filing that their client had "unequivocally accepted responsibility" for his crime. "We are seeking a sentence that balances the crime he has regrettably committed with the extraordinary good Mr. D'Souza has accomplished as a scholar, as a community member and as a family member," they wrote, requesting that he be sentenced to probation and community service at

the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego.

The government rebutted D'Souza's claims, highlighting

D'Souza assumed a different posture with respect to his case when he was not before the court. It

government cited several other campaign-finance cases in which the defendant was imprisoned.



Dinesh D'Souza, the conservative author and documentary filmmaker, leaves court after his sentencing in a campaign finance fraud case in New York, Sept. 23, 2014. A federal judge handled down a probationary sentence and fine, bringing to a close a high-profile legal battle that started with D'Souza's indictment for illegally using straw doors to contribute to a Republican Senate candidate in New York in 2012.

(Anthony Lanzilote/The New York Times)

ing both the seriousness of his offense and what it called "the defendant's post-plea failure to accept responsibility for his criminal conduct."

According to the govern-

cited a television interview he gave two days after his plea in which he "repeatedly asserted that this case was about whether he was selectively prosecuted."

In its sentencing memo, the

Lawyers for D'Souza rejected those cases as legitimate precedents, arguing that in each instance the government's memo had omitted key "aggravating factors." □



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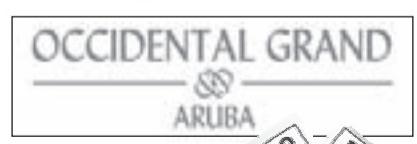
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APNewsBreak: Livestrong CEO leaving after 14 years

JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The CEO of the cancer charity Livestrong is leaving after 14 years, a period in which the small local charity grew into a \$500 million global brand before it was rocked by founder Lance Armstrong's confession that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career.

Doug Ulman helped Livestrong ride Armstrong's sports career and celebrity into rapid and worldwide expansion. He also had to guide it through the two-year fallout of Armstrong's cheating revelations that prompted corporate sponsors and private donors to



Livestrong CEO and president Doug Ulman discusses the future of the organization in Austin, Texas. Ulman told The Associated Press on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, he will leave Livestrong in January to become president and chief executive officer of Pelotonia, a Columbus, Ohio, charity bike ride that has raised more than \$61 million for cancer research in its first five years.

(AP Photo/Jack Plunkett)

flee.

Ulman told The Associated Press on Monday that he will leave Livestrong in January to become president and chief executive officer of Pelotonia, a Columbus, Ohio, charity bike ride that has raised more than \$61 million for cancer research in its first five years.

Ulman and Livestrong board chairman Jeff Garvey said Ulman leaves on good terms despite Livestrong's recent struggles. Livestrong's 2013 financial reports showed a 34 percent slump in donations and a 38 percent dive in total revenue after commercial sponsorships were canceled or not renewed. "The reaction of the board was they were sad Doug was going to leave," Garvey said. "He has taken the foundation to a real position of strength.... Doug will wear the Livestrong banner forever."

Armstrong founded the charity in 1997 and it grew

on his star power as the swaggering cancer survivor who dominated one of the world's toughest sporting events. The charity sold more than 80 million yellow Livestrong wristbands around the globe.

But Armstrong's feel-good story was blown apart in October 2012 when the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency exposed his cheating. In a January 2013 televised interview with Oprah Winfrey, Armstrong confessed to doping throughout his career. He was stripped of his Tour de France titles and banned from Olympic competition.

Armstrong's revelation led big corporate sponsors and partners such as Nike and Dick's Sporting Goods to flee Livestrong by either canceling contracts or not renewing them.

Armstrong was removed from the charity's board of directors in late 2012, and he no longer has any formal association with the

charity, which changed its name from the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Sitting in the restaurant of the same downtown Austin hotel where Armstrong confessed to Winfrey, Ulman called the fallout of the past two years "the most stressful period of my life, by a landslide, and my family's life." Still, Ulman said he's "so proud at what we've accomplished (at Livestrong)."

Garvey and Ulman said Livestrong remains on solid financial ground, noting its \$100 million in assets and an endowment of more than \$30 million. Last month, Livestrong agreed to give \$50 million over 10 years to the University of Texas' new medical school for a program emphasizing "patient-centered" cancer care. Garvey praised Ulman's role in establishing a partnership he said is critical for the charity's future. Pelotonia gives the money it raises from riders to cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

"We wanted a leader who was a builder and had clear and strategic thinking, to build a brand and raise even more money for cancer research," Dan Rosenthal, chairman of the board at Pelotonia, said. □

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Israel shoots down Syrian aircraft over Golan Heights

IAN DEITCH

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military shot down a Syrian fighter jet that infiltrated its airspace over the Golan Heights on Tuesday morning — the first such downing in decades, heightening tensions in the volatile plateau.

The military said a "Syrian aircraft infiltrated into Israeli air space" in the morning hours and that the military "intercepted the aircraft in mid-flight, using the Patriot air defense system."

The military would not say what type of aircraft was downed and said the cir-

der. But Israeli leaders appear increasingly nervous about the possibility of al-Qaida-linked fighters occupying the Golan's high ground over northern Israel. Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon said the aircraft had crossed into Israel in a "threatening way" and vowed to retaliate to any similar attempts in the future.

"We will not allow any element, whether it is a terror group or a state, to threaten our security and breach our sovereignty," he said.

"We are committed first and foremost to ensure the security of the Israel's



Israeli soldiers treat wounded Syrians that were allowed to cross from Syria into the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. The Israeli military said it shot down a Syrian fighter jet using the Patriot air defense system after the plane infiltrated airspace over the Golan Heights early Tuesday morning — the first such downing in decades, heightening tensions in the volatile plateau.

(AP Photo/Gil Eliyahu, JINI)

cumstances of the incident were "unclear."

A defense official identified the downed aircraft as a Sukhoi Su-24 Russian fighter plane. Previously, it was reported to have been a MiG aircraft.

He said the Syrian jet penetrated 800 meters (2,600 feet) into Israeli air space and tried to return to Syria after the Patriot missile was fired.

The crew managed to abandon the plane in time and landed in Syrian territory, the Israeli official said.

It was the first such incident since the war with Lebanon in 1982, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Israel has largely stayed on the sidelines of Syria's civil war raging across the bor-

citizens and we will use all means at our disposal to do so," he said.

Israel has avoided taking sides in the three-year civil war in Syria, though Israeli troops have responded to occasional mortar fire that has landed on the Israeli side of the Golan. Israel says some of the attacks have been accidental spillover, while others have been intentionally aimed at Israeli civilians and soldiers. It has always held Syria responsible for any cross-border fire.

Israel and Syria are bitter enemies who have fought several wars.

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed the strategic area in a move that has never been internationally recognized. □

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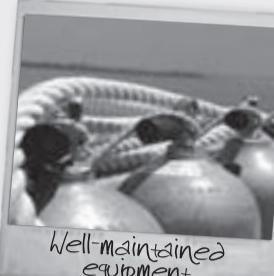
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A Ukrainian soldier holds a cat as he receives warm clothes close to Luhansk in the eastern Ukraine Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. Despite of the declared cease-fire between the separatists and the Ukrainian military in eastern Ukraine occasional shooting has been reported. (AP Photo/Petro Zadorozhnyy)

Ukraine:

Both sides upholding cease-fire

LAURA MILLS

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A cease-fire in east Ukraine is being upheld by both government troops and Russia-backed rebels, a senior Ukrainian official said Tuesday, in a first step toward enforcing a truce that has been riddled by repeated violations since it was imposed earlier this month.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, told journalists that the cease-fire had been upheld since late Monday, making it the first night in weeks that there have been no civilians killed or residential buildings shelled.

Lysenko said there also had been no casualties among Ukrainian forces.

Russia-backed rebels in east Ukraine said they were pulling back heavy artillery from front-line positions in response to similar moves by the Ukrainian army.

Those maneuvers are part of a new peace agreement signed Saturday, which requires both sides to remove heavy artillery from the front line, creating a buffer zone that would allow the cease-fire to be more effectively enforced.

Rebel leader Alexander Zakharchenko told Interfax news agency Tuesday that his forces were withdrawing heavy artillery from certain areas on the front line, but said that "in those places where Ukraine does not withdraw its artillery, we also will not withdraw."

Despite claims from both sides that the cease-fire was being upheld, the city council of Donetsk said in statements published online that, while the city was

calm late on Monday and early on Tuesday, later in the day regular explosions could be heard in the north of the city, where fighting has centered on a government-held airport for weeks.

In Zhdanivka, a village just 20 miles (35 kilometers) northeast of Donetsk, which until recently was under Ukrainian control, residents told The Associated Press that government troops had withdrawn two days ago.

The neighboring village of Nyzhnya Krynta, which is slightly closer to Donetsk, was still under rebel control, but there was no sign of heavy artillery weapons in the area. The scars of war, however, are still visible in the village, which was caught in the crossfire of heavy shelling between the Ukrainian and rebel sides in recent weeks.

Five bodies could be seen in a mass grave near a local mine.

Another mass grave was dedicated to the rebels: their bodies weren't visible, but four gravestones, wreathed with flowers, were engraved with the epitaph: "They died for Putin's lies." □

2 Hamas suspects in slaying of three Israeli teens killed

IAN DEITCH

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli special forces stormed a West Bank hideout early on Tuesday and killed two Palestinians suspected in the June abduction and slaying of three Israeli teenagers, a gruesome attack that had triggered a chain of events that led to the war in Gaza this summer.

The deaths of the two suspects, identified by the Israeli military as well-known Hamas militants, ended one of the largest manhunts conducted by the Israeli security forces.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed the development.

"This episode sends a clear and unambiguous message that Israel will do whatever it needs to deal with threats and challenges wherever they may occur," he said.

Eyal Yifrach, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old with dual Israeli-American citizenship, were abducted on June 12 while hitchhiking home in the West Bank and killed soon afterward.

The teens' abduction and slaying prompted a large Israeli crackdown on the Islamic militant Hamas group and set off a chain of events that led to a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

In an operation codenamed "Brother's Keeper," Israel dispatched thousands of troops across the West Bank in search of the youths, closed roads in the Hebron area and arrested hundreds of Hamas operatives throughout the territory.

The search ended July 1, when the bodies were found under a pile of rocks in a field north of the West Bank city of Hebron. Officials later said it was believed the three had been killed shortly after the abduction.

Israeli forces had been pursuing the suspects, Amer Abu Aisheh and Marwan Qawasmeh, since the abductions, said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli army spokesman.

Lerner told reporters that there was a recent breakthrough in the search that led the Yamam, a special police counter-terrorism unit, to the hideout in an area of Hebron about a week ago.

Early on Tuesday, the Israeli special forces entered the ground floor of the two-story building and killed two Hamas operatives after coming under fire, Lerner said. Lerner noted the two men had been identified as the suspects early in the search, their Hamas connections were well known, and Hamas has repeatedly tried to abduct Israeli civilians and soldiers. Another three members of one the Qawasmeh family were arrested, he said.

"We were determined in bringing the ruthless murderers of Gilad, Eyal and Naftali to justice," Lerner said. "Today's successful mission brings the long-term search to an end, and the perpetrators of the crime no longer pose a threat to Israeli civilians," he said. □



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Afghanistan's Karzai takes one last swipe at US

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

Outgoing Afghan President Hamid Karzai used his farewell speech on Tuesday to take one last swipe at the United States, capping a long-testy relationship with the accusation that America hasn't wanted peace in Afghanistan. The U.S. ambassador called the comments ungracious and ungrateful.

The only president Afghanistan has known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion said the United States wanted war in Afghanistan "because of its own interests." Karzai's relationship with the U.S. has grown increasingly fragile in recent years, but the U.S.-Afghan relationship may get a reset on Monday, when President-elect Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai will be sworn in. The United States has spent more than \$100 billion on aid in Afghanistan since 2001 to train and equip the country's security forces, to pave crumbling dirt roads, to upgrade hospitals and to build schools.

But Karzai in his speech thanked a slew of countries for their help — India, Japan, China, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Germany — without thanking the U.S.

The speech fingered the U.S. and the military leaders of neighboring Pakistan as the powers backing perpetual war.

"If America and Pakistan really want it, peace will come to Afghanistan," Karzai said.

"The war in Afghanistan is to the benefit of foreigners. But Afghans on both sides are the sacrificial lambs and victims of this war."



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, center, attends his farewell ceremony at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. Outgoing President Karzai is taking one last swipe at the U.S., saying that America hasn't wanted peace in Afghanistan. Karzai on Tuesday said that peace will come to Afghanistan if the United States and Pakistan really want it.

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

More than 2,200 U.S. forces have died in Afghanistan operations since 2001. Nearly 20,000 have been wounded.

U.S. Ambassador James B. Cunningham called Karzai's comments ungracious and ungrateful, though he said he believes the wider Afghan public appreciates American assistance and efforts over the last 13 years.

"It makes me kind of sad. I think his remarks which were uncalled for, do a disservice to the American people and dishonor the huge sacrifices Americans have made here and continue to make here," Cunningham told a gathering of journalists. □

German-US reporter held in Somalia is freed

ABDI GULED

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) —

A German-American journalist who was kidnapped in Somalia more than two years ago was freed Tuesday, according to a Somali police official and a leader of the Somali pirates who held the journalist.

The journalist, identified by the German weekly Der Spiegel as 45-year-old Michael Scott Moore, was immediately flown to Kenya's capital, Nairobi, after being freed,

Somali police official Mohamed Hassan said by phone from the town of Galkayo in north-central Somalia.

Some of the pirates who held Moore reached a deal with negotiators after ransom was paid, said Bile Hussein, a pirate commander in the Somali

coastal town of Hobyo. Moore, who was held in several locations as his captors tried to avoid detection, was most recently held near the central Somali town of Adado, Hus-

sein said, offering no more details. Germany's Foreign Ministry confirmed a "German citizen who also had U.S. citizenship who was kidnapped in Somalia was set free today" but wouldn't

give further details. Der Spiegel, for which Moore had freelanced, reported on its website Tuesday that Moore was taken by plane to the Somali capital, Mogadishu. □

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Life for China scholar chills ethnic dialogue

DIDI TANG

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A life sentence given to a moderate Chinese scholar on Tuesday shows the ruling Communist Party is cutting off dialogue on ethnic tensions and could backfire by radicalizing minorities, scholars and analysts said. A court found economics professor Ilham Tohti, an ethnic Uighur Muslim, guilty of separatism and sentenced him to life in prison. It was the most severe penalty in a decade for illegal political speech in China and eclipsed the 11-year jail sentence given Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo on subversion charges.

"Ilham Tohti's situation gives scholars like me who ... work on the issue great concern about our safety and academic freedom," a scholar said after Tuesday's sentencing, requesting anonymity because of fear of punishment from authorities.

Ilham Tohti is seen as a moderate voice with ties to both ethnic Uighurs and the Han Chinese majority. A Communist Party member and professor at Beijing's Minzu University, he ran the website Uighur Online that highlighted issues affecting the ethnic group. The sentence of life imprisonment "is a very disturbing message, as the door to dialogue is closed because this scholar promoted dialogue between the Uighurs and the Chinese



Ilham Tohti, an outspoken scholar of China's Uighur minority, gestures as he speaks during an interview at his home in Beijing, China. A Chinese court on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 imposed a harsh life sentence on Ilham Tohti, who championed the country's Uighur minority, the most severe penalty in a decade for anyone in China convicted of illegal political speech.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

intellectuals," said Willy Lam, a political analyst at the City University of Hong Kong. "Beijing's message is that they do not look to dialogue with the Uighurs but suppression."

China says it faces grave terror threats, particularly in Xinjiang, the ancestral home of Uighurs. Riots in 2009 in the regional capital of Urumqi killed nearly 200 people, according to the government, and violence over the past year and a half has left more than 300 people dead, nearly half shot by police in a strike-hard campaign by the government to fight what it calls terrorist cells.

Beijing has blamed the un-

rest on foreign-influenced terrorists seeking a separate state. But many Muslim Uighurs bristle under Beijing's heavy-handed restrictions on their religious life and resent the influx of the Han majority into their homeland. For years, Ilham Tohti has been speaking openly about the problems in his home region. "At present in Xinjiang, the exclusion of and discrimination against Uighurs is quite systematic, with the government leading the way," he said in an interview with Voice of America last year, following a deadly attack involving Uighurs in the heart of Beijing.

Prosecutors said Ilham

Tohti was the ringleader of "a criminal gang seeking to split the country" and "caused severe harm to national security and social stability." His lawyers said the scholar's remarks — on the Internet, in his classrooms or with foreign media — did not advocate separatism and instead sought to resolve the region's ethnic tensions. James Leibold, a scholar of ethnic policies at La Trobe University of Melbourne, said Ilham Tohti "made a positive, moderate, and courageous contribution to the ongoing discussion on China's ethnic policy" and his life sentence is a "real tragedy." □

NEWS BRIEFS

Albania destroys marijuana worth over \$8.2 billion

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Albania's Interior Ministry says the country's authorities have destroyed marijuana of an estimated market value of 6.4 billion euro (\$8.2 billion) this year — more than 60 percent of the country's annual GDP. Minister of Interior Affairs Saimir Tahiri says police have destroyed 102 tons of marijuana and 530,000 cannabis plants since March and have arrested or indicted some 1,900 people. More than half of the marijuana was found in the lawless southern village of Lazarat following a dramatic five-day police raid in June. Tahiri said Tuesday Albania is now no longer a country where drugs are produced, and pledged "an absolute fight against drugs and dirty money." Albania has been a major marijuana-producing country and transit point for moving other drugs from Asia and Latin America to Europe.

Russia proposes curbs for foreign media ownership

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's parliament has given preliminary approval to a bill limiting foreign ownership in Russian media to 20 percent. The State Duma voted 434-1 to pass the first reading of the law. The bill can be amended in the second reading, and either adopted or withdrawn in the third. The bill has been seen as the Kremlin's latest attempt to stifle media freedom. Many of Russia's leading media outlets, including the Vedomosti daily and the Russian Forbes magazine, have foreign ownership. The proponents of the bill said it was crucial to introduce the curbs in the view of the "information war" waged on Russia because of the Ukraine crisis. Ukraine and Western countries claim that Russia has sent troops and equipment to aid separatist pro-Russia rebels in Ukraine's east; Moscow denies those allegations. □

China factory index ticks up, easing growth fears

KELVIN CHAN

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Growth in China's sprawling manufacturing industry unexpectedly ticked higher in September, according to a report Tuesday, easing concerns about the No. 2 economy's recovery.

HSBC's purchasing manager index edged up to 50.5 this month from 50.2 in August, based on a 100-point scale on which numbers below 50 indicate contrac-

tion.

Analysts had expected the reading to fall for a second month, dragged down by the slumping property market. August's PMI reading was a sharp fall from the 18-month high of 51.7 reached in July.

The modestly upbeat number comes after an official report earlier this month showed China's factory output slowed sharply in August, which sparked fears momentum was fad-

ing and prompted some analysts to lower their full-year economic growth forecasts.

China's economic growth edged up in the April-June quarter to 7.5 percent after policymakers rolled out a batch of relief measures aimed at areas including railways and public housing. But analysts say further increments in growth will be hard to achieve without more government spending. "The picture is mixed,"

with the report's sub-indexes for new orders and new export orders improving but employment falling, said HSBC's chief China economist, Qu Hongbin.

"Overall the data still point to modest expansion. The property sector remains the biggest downside risk to growth," he said.

The report covered responses from 85-90 percent of 420 factories. The final version is due at the end of September. □



Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino hosts Annual ATCA 2014 Tourism Conference



ORANJESTAD— During the past week ATCA annual tourism conference was held at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. This year the conference was attended by representatives in the tourism industry

from all around the world. A total of 70 travel partners within the North American market, including airlines, travel wholesalers and online travel sites visited Aruba for this conference. During

the intense days the participants came together to strategize, brainstorm, network, and receive updates on Aruba's tourism product. Besides this the conference organized by the Aruba

Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Tourism offered the delegates a full menu of events, tourism fairs and other activities throughout this week. On Tuesday night Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino organized

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Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino Hosted The 2014 Annual Tourism Conference Of Aruba



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Now the two are living it up and they are just as crazy about Fishes & More and fantastic manager Alex as before. Great to hear such good reviews, guys! Thank you!



SPORTS

Aruba TODAY



Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr.
appears before the Nevada
Athletic Commission Tuesday,
Sept. 23, 2014, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

Mayweather says reality show not so real

TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The pot wasn't real. Neither, admitted Floyd Mayweather Jr., was much else that went on in the cable television shows promoting his latest fight.

Not the joint rolling parties with a bevy of female friends in his Las Vegas mansion. Not the 31 minute fights without a break in the "Dog House" of his gym just off the city's glittering Strip.

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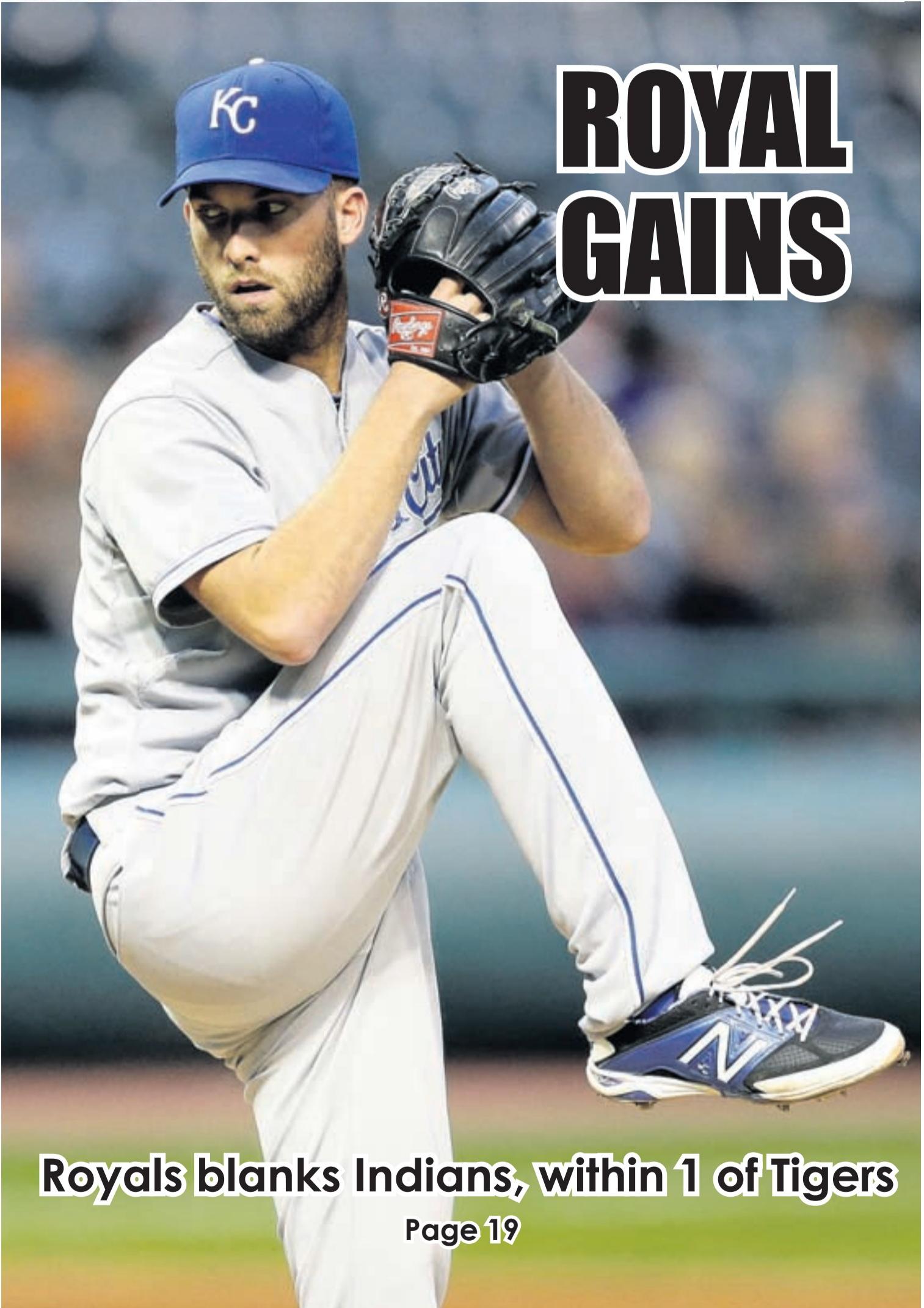
"I don't want to just sell a fight," Mayweather said. "I want to sell a lifestyle."

Called before Nevada boxing regulators Tuesday to explain what went on in the Showtime "All Access" shows aired earlier this month before his rematch with Marcos Maidana, Mayweather said it was all just made-up entertainment to sell the fight.

It worked, he said, bringing in enough of an audience for him to sell more pay-per-views for a fight in which he was guaranteed a \$32 million payday.

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ROYAL GAINS



Royals blanks Indians, within 1 of Tigers

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Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Danny Duffy delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Cleveland.

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Mayweather

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"It wasn't real marijuana," Mayweather said. "It's all about entertainment."

Mayweather, who earlier this year was licensed as a promoter in Nevada, was summoned by Nevada State Athletic Commission Chairman Francisco Aguilar to explain scenes in the "All Access" show that ran a few days before the fight. Mayweather is listed as the executive producer of the show, which bills itself as a reality series filming boxers before their bout.

Turns out it wasn't so real after all.

"It's a new generation, a young generation," Mayweather said. "We believe in going outside boxing and doing something different. Because we did something different we got better pay-per-views this time around." Showtime does not release pay-per-view buys but various reports say the rematch with Maidana did slightly



Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr., center, appears with attorney Shane Emerick, right, and Leonard Ellerbe before the Nevada Athletic Commission Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, in Las Vegas. **Associated Press**

better than the first fight, which did not reach 1 million buys. Mayweather's fight last year with Canelo Alvarez was boxing's richest, drawing some 2.2 million buys. Mayweather appeared before the commission with longtime adviser Leonard Ellerbe and one of his attorneys. Notably missing were his normally large entourage and the very large bodyguards who usu-

ally trail him everywhere. Aguilar and the other commissioners were most interested in two fights shown on "All Access," which was presented as going on for more than a half hour without break, ending only when the beaten boxers quit. On the show, Mayweather is shown arranging the bouts and cheering the fighters. "The dog house — the rules are you fight till whoever

quits," Mayweather said on the show.

Appearing before the commission, though, Mayweather said the fighters got three to four long rest breaks during the sparring sessions.

"We do take breaks when we spar. I make sure," Mayweather said. "I'm not going to let anyone get hurt because safety is very important to boxing."

Attorney Shane Emerick said

scenes showing cash exchanging hands in bets on the fight also didn't happen, and Mayweather knows gambling in the gym is illegal. He also said Mayweather doesn't smoke marijuana or drink alcohol, and wouldn't be around secondhand marijuana smoke because it could show up in drug tests for the fight.

Mayweather is shown in "All Access" at his mansion while joints are being rolled and smoked. At one point he tells an assistant to go get some more rolling papers.

Commissioners said they were happy with Mayweather appearing before them, and satisfied with his explanations.

"You accomplished your goal," Aguilar said. "I think you represented yourself well."

Asked as he was getting on an elevator to leave why anyone would want to watch the show if they knew it was all staged, Mayweather smiled and said: "You know I love you guys. Keep up the good work." □

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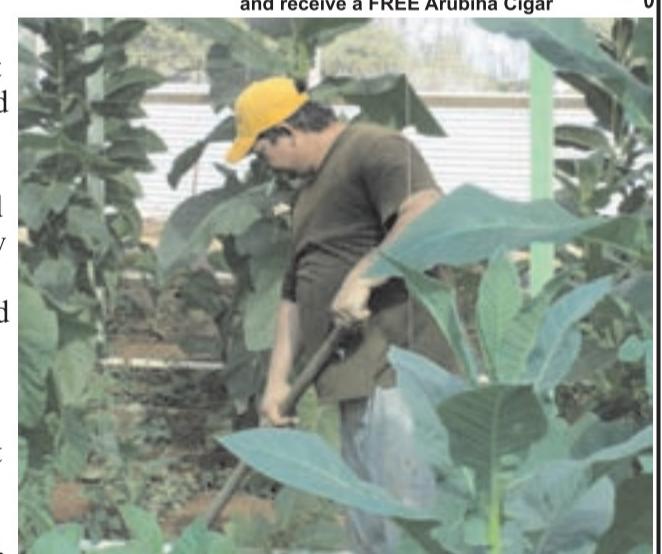


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Royals beat Indians 2-0, gain on Tigers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings for his first win in more than a month as the Kansas City Royals moved closer to the top of the AL Central and kept some distance over Cleveland in the wild-card race, beating the Indians 2-0 on Monday night. Duffy (9-11), who had thrown just one pitch in September before the start, held the Indians to six hits. The left-hander had been sidelined since Sept. 6 with a sore shoulder. Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 44th save as the Royals, seeking their first postseason appearance since 1985, moved within one game of first-place Detroit. The Tigers lost 2-0 at home to the White Sox. Carlos Carrasco (8-6) couldn't keep the momentum going for the Indians, who earlier completed a 4-3 win in 10 innings in a game suspended on Aug. 31 in Kansas City.

ATHLETICS 8, ANGELS 4
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Jeff Samardzija pitched seven strong innings and received some rare run support as Oakland kept hold of the top AL wild-card spot by beating the West champions. The A's moved one game ahead of Kansas City for the first wild card. Geovany Soto hit a two-run single to highlight a six-run first inning as the A's chased C.J. Wilson (13-10) after just two outs for the second-shortest start of his career. Stephen Vogt added a two-run single in the seventh.

Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer in the eighth for Los Angeles, giving him 1,602 RBIs for 33rd on the career list. Samardzija (5-5) beat the Angels for the first time in three career starts and won for the first time in five starts since a victory at Houston on Aug. 25. He has worked at least seven innings in six straight starts.

YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 0
NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter began his final series at Yankee Stadium by breaking open the game with a two-run double, and he had three RBIs to lead the Yankees over the Orioles.

Michael Pineda retired his first 13 batters before J.J. Hardy singled sharply to left field, pitching 7 1-3 innings and combining with three relievers on a one-hitter. Jose Pirela, the Yankees' team-record 57th player this season, became New York's first player in 34 years to triple in his first big league at-bat. He went 2 for 3 with the go-ahead RBI.

Despite the loss, AL East champion Baltimore clinched home-field advantage in an AL division series starting Oct. 2 when Detroit lost to the Chicago White Sox. The Orioles open the postseason against the wild-card playoff winner or the AL Central champion. **BLUE JAYS 14, MARINERS 4**
TORONTO (AP) — Jose Bautista homered and reached base four times, J.A. Happ won for the first time in four starts and the Blue Jays dealt a blow to Seattle's wild card hopes,

routing the Mariners. Bautista went 3 for 3 with a walk and drove in two runs before getting the rest of the night off. His solo homer in the fifth against Mariners reliever Tom Wilhelmsen was his 35th.

Kevin Pillar hit a two-run homer and Anthony Gose added a solo blast as the Blue Jays handed Seattle its third straight defeat.

Happ (10-11) allowed an RBI double by Robinson Cano in the first, and Kyle Seager's solo homer in the sixth.

Seattle's James Paxton (6-4) gave up a career-high nine runs, walked a career-high six and matched a career-high by giving up seven hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest career start.

WHITE SOX 2, TIGERS 0
DETROIT (AP) — Chris Bassitt pitched into the eighth inning for his first major league win, and the White Sox slowed Detroit's chase of the AL Central title with a victory over the Tigers. □



Kansas City Royals' Norichika Aoki runs to first base after hitting an RBI-single off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Scott Atchison in the tenth inning of a suspended Aug. 31, 2014 baseball game, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Cleveland. Terrance Gore scored on the play. The Indians defeated the Royals 4-3.

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Wainwright wins 20th, Cardinals eye division

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Adam Wainwright joined Clayton Kershaw as the majors' only 20-game winners, pitching three-hit ball over seven innings, and the Cardinals beat the Cubs.

Wainwright hit the 20-win mark for the second time while matching his career-high for victories, and the Cardinals moved a step closer toward their second straight division title.

They remained 2 1/2 games

ahead of Pittsburgh in the NL Central with five to play with the Pirates beating Atlanta 1-0. St. Louis clinched its fourth straight playoff appearance on Sunday. Wainwright (20-9) won his fifth straight start and made



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Chicago.

Associated Press

it look easy, striking out eight and walking one. The only other time Wainwright won 20 was in 2010, and that year, victory No. 20 also came at Wrigley Field.

He got plenty of support, with the Cardinals pounding Travis Wood (8-13) for seven runs and eight hits over five innings.

PIRATES 1, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Andrew McCutchen homered, Francisco Liriano won his fourth straight start and the Pirates moved closer to a postseason berth, beating the Braves.

The Pirates, winners in 10 of their last 12, have a five-game lead over Milwaukee with six games remaining for both teams. Any combination of two Pittsburgh wins or Brewers losses will guarantee the Pirates at least a spot in the NL wild-card game for the second straight year.

The Pirates still have hopes of winning the NL Central, but they began the night 2 1/2 games behind first-place St. Louis.

McCutchen, the 2013 NL MVP, hit his 24th homer in the sixth off starter Aaron Harang.

Liriano (7-10) allowed three

hits, walked four and struck out seven in six innings. He extended his consecutive scoreless streak to 28 innings.

The game turned into an unexpected pitchers' duel between Bassitt and fellow rookie Kyle Lobstein. Both were making their fifth career start, but they looked like aces in the middle of a pennant race.

PADRES 1, ROCKIES 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Eric Stults pitched effectively into the seventh inning and San Diego won its fifth straight game by beating Colorado.

Stults (8-17), tied with Philadelphia right-hander A.J. Burnett for the major league lead in losses, scattered seven hits over 6 1-3 innings in beating the Rockies for the first time this season after two defeats.

Kevin Quackenbush worked the ninth for his sixth save, ending Colorado's season-high, six-game winning streak.

The Padres, outhit 10-5, went ahead in the first inning when Rene Rivera's double scored Jedd Gyorko, who walked. Rockies starter Tyler Matzek (6-11) struck out eight in six innings. □

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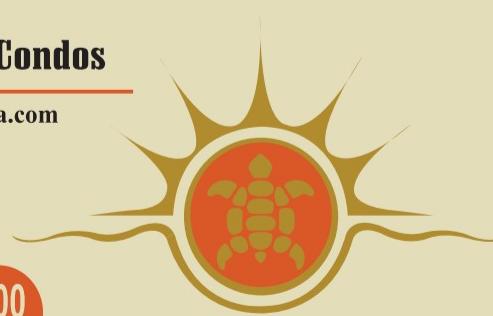
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Cutler, Bears hold on to beat Jets 27-19

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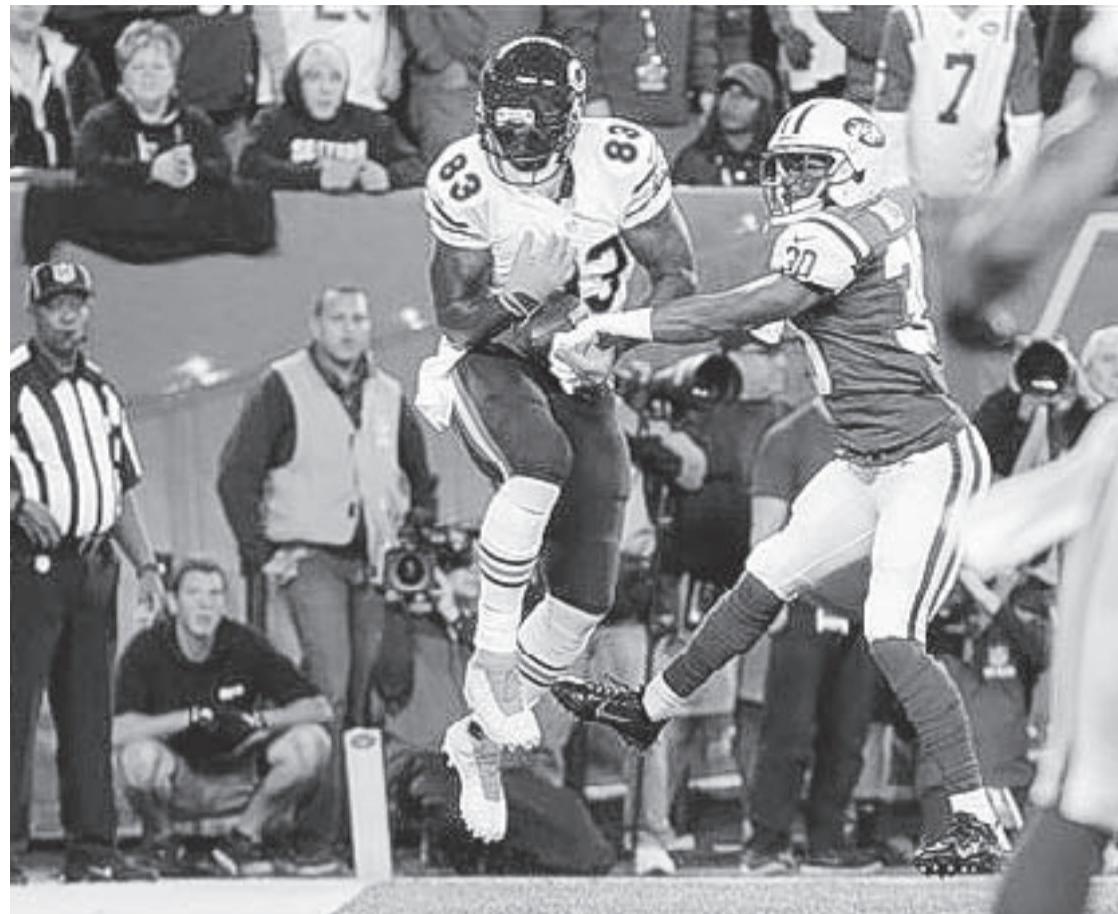
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — The Chicago Bears took advantage of early mistakes by the sloppy New York Jets, then held on for a 27-19 victory Monday night.

Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes to Martellus Bennett and Ryan Mundy returned an interception 45 yards for a score. Cutler finished 23 of 38 for 225 yards and Alshon Jeffery caught eight passes for 105 yards for the Bears, who got a 45-yard field goal from Robbie Gould to make it an eight-point game with 3:10 remaining.

The Jets had one last opportunity to level the game, getting into Bears territory on Geno Smith's 51-yard pass to Greg Salas. But Jeremy Kerley was out of bounds when he caught Smith's desperation fourth-down heave from the Bears 9.

Cutler took a knee three times to seal the victory. Smith was 26 of 43 for 316 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions — and nearly had a few others. Kerley finished with seven catches for 81 yards, and almost came up with a diving grab off a tipped pass in the end zone on the final drive.

The Bears went up 14-0 just over 5 minutes into the game. On New York's second play from scrimmage,



Chicago Bears tight end Martellus Bennett (83) catches a touchdown pass against New York Jets cornerback Darrin Walls (30) in the first quarter of an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

Smith didn't see Mundy lurking in the flat as he floated a screen pass to Chris Johnson. Mundy stepped in front of the toss and ran untouched into the end zone for a 45-yard score. It was the sixth-year veteran's third career interception, and first score. After the Jets stopped the Bears on three plays on their first offensive series, rookie Jalen Saunders dropped Patrick O'Donnell's punt at

his 40 and it was recovered by Ahmad Dixon. Cutler threw deep down the right sideline to Jeffery one play later, and cornerback Darrin Walls was called for pass interference to put the ball at the Jets 7. Three plays later, Cutler rolled right and found Bennett in the back of the end zone to make it 14-0 — and get the MetLife Stadium crowd boozing. The Jets got on the score-

board on their next possession, capping an 11-play, 55-drive with Nick Folk's 43-yard field goal.

Chicago answered with a 15-play, 79-yard drive helped by cornerback Antonio Allen's holding penalty on a third-down incompleteness by Cutler. Gould's 24-yard field goal gave the Bears a 17-3 lead 66 seconds into the second quarter.

The Jets got their next se-

ries off to a good start with a 43-yard completion to rookie tight end Jace Amaro, but they stalled in the red zone again, settling for a 28-yard field goal.

New York got closer with a 77-yard drive on which Kerley accounted for 51 — including a 19-yard touchdown that cut the deficit 17-13.

A video review reversed a call late in the half on which the Jets might have taken the lead. Cutler was sacked by David Harris and lost the ball, but was declared down by contact. A review showed Cutler had fumbled, but Demario Davis' return to the end zone was negated because the whistle had blown.

The Jets then went three-and-out.

Chicago opened the second half aggressively, marching 80 yards on six plays and capping the drive with Bennett's 13-yard touchdown catch to make it 24-13.

The Bears nearly had a 12-yard TD by Marshall, but it was wiped out by an illegal hands to the face penalty on left guard Michael Ola, who started for the injured Matt Slauson.

The Jets also blew a possible scoring drive when Smith was intercepted by rookie Kyle Fuller on a poorly thrown pass to David Nelson in the end zone on first-and-10 from the Bears 18. □

Serena Williams out in 2nd round at Wuhan Open

WUHAN, China (AP) — Top-ranked Serena Williams retired from her second-round match due to a viral illness at the Wuhan Open on Tuesday, dropping a third match to Alize Cornet this year.

Williams, playing her first match since winning the U.S. Open, had just converted a break point for a 6-5 lead and was clearly hot and bothered when she asked for treatment beside the court. She withdrew moments later and was helped from the court by a trainer.

Cornet beat Williams at

Dubai in February and had a third-round win at Wimbledon. The Frenchwoman is the first player since Justine Henin in 2007 to beat Williams three times in a year, the WTA said, and has improved to 3-3 in career meetings with the most dominant woman in tennis. "I felt dizzy and nauseous in the first set and unfortunately couldn't continue," Williams said in a brief statement in which she apologized to fans. The tournament's top two players were eliminated within hours of each other, with Williams exiting af-

ter Garbine Muguruza of Spain beat No. 2-ranked Simona Halep of Romania 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Muguruza, who beat Williams in the second round at the last French Open, dropped the first set in 35 minutes but rallied to win the first four games of the second set and the last four games of the third to advance.

It was a bad afternoon for seeds on other courts, too. No. 10 Jelena Jankovic was trailing 4-1 when she retired against American player Coco Vandeweghe due to a back problem,

and she joined on the sidelines No. 11 Sara Errani of Italy, No. 13 Ekaterina Makarova, and No. 16 Andrea Petkovic of Germany.

In evening matches, however, No. 3 Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic trounced Karin Knapp of Italy 6-3, 6-0, No. 6 Eugenie Bouchard of Canada overcame a break in the third set to beat Mona Barthel of Germany 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, No. 7 Angelique Kerber of Germany had a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan, and No. 8 Caroline Wozniacki held off Carla Suarez Navarro of

Spain 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

The new WTA tournament attracted almost all of the top 20 women, but most of them are already out of contention.

Hometown star Li Na didn't even start, the two-time major winner calling it quits on her professional career on Friday citing knee injuries.

Five of the seeded players were ousted on the opening day Monday, including No. 5 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 9 Ana Ivanovic, who went down a day after winning the title at Tokyo. □

Selig hopes for modest cut in game times

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hopes for incremental progress from his new committee that will try to take steps to shorten game times.

"Nothing huge, but significant," Selig said Tuesday, a day after announcing the new panel. "I just think there's some things that we can do that won't disturb the game and its history and tradition but will maybe do things a little better."

Atlanta Braves President John Schuerholz chairs the committee, which includes Commissioner-elect Rob Manfred, players' association head Tony Clark, Boston Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner and partner Michael Gordon, New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson and Major League Baseball Executive Vice President Joe Torre.

The average time of a nine-



Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig speaks to the media before a baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014.

Associated Press

inning game has increased from 2 hours, 33 minutes in 1981 to a record 3:03 this year. When Manfred was elected commissioner last month, many owners said

speeding up the pace of play and decreasing game times was a top priority. Selig said it would be wrong to blame increased use of instant replay this year.

MLB says the 1,230 video reviews through Monday have averaged 1 minute, 46 seconds.

"I remember Billy Martin, Earl Weaver, my pal Sparky Anderson, Lou Piniella throwing bases, kicking dirt, wild for 10 and 12 minutes," Selig said. "We don't have that anymore. So do I believe that this has contributed? I do not."

Selig spoke at Yankee Stadium to present Derek Jeter with the Commissioner's Historic Achievement Award. Jeter cautioned against changing the rules too much.

"The great thing about baseball is there's no clock," Jeter said. "Some fans come to the games, they enjoy the experience. They want to stay here for a long time."

MLB can't alter the rules for 2015 without agreement from the players' association, but could implement changes unilaterally with one year advance notice.

Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said baseball should be "careful" of those doing the most complaining about game times and nodded at media assembled in front of him.

"Some of that is part of the beauty of the game," he said.

Chicago Cubs manager Rick Renteria advocated the enforcement of current rules, such as 8.04, which states: "When the bases are unoccupied, the pitcher shall deliver the ball to the batter within 12 seconds after he receives the ball. Each time the pitcher delays the game by violating this rule, the umpire shall call 'Ball.' "

"I think that we as managers or coaches, when we sit here and we're watching, the tempo, the pace of the game, with some pitchers it's a turtle's pace. It can be a little disheartening," Renteria said. "Your defense starts to kind of get lax." □

Goodell meets 11 former players about NFL conduct

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and chief assistant Troy Vincent were told by 11 former players Tuesday that the league must act immediately when someone is accused of domestic violence.

At a 3 1/2-hour meeting to discuss ways to improve the league's personal conduct policy, the former players also said teams must be held accountable when players misbehave.

"One question asked around the room was, when an arrest occurs, do you take them off the field or let them play and let the due process take care of itself?" said Vincent, the NFL's vice president of football operations. "To a man, they said, 'Take them off the field, pay them, and let due process take care of itself.'"

At the meeting were Hall



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell takes the stage to speak at a news conference Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, in New York. Goodell says the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl.

Associated Press

of Famer Mike Singletary, plus Matt Birk, Eddie Mason, Patrick Kerney, Willie McGinest, Roman Oben, Marty Lyons, Charles Way, Tony Paige, Scott Turner and Robert Porcher. More weekly meetings are planned among league officials and former players, current players and team

owners.
"I felt like the clock was on after last Friday and the clock was on that we can't talk to enough people," Vincent said of a news conference at which Goodell announced the league will re-examine how and when it should discipline players for violating the policy. □

Sue Bird becomes 1st 4-time player on US squad

DOUG FEINBERG,

AP Basketball Writer

Sue Bird became the first American player to make four world championship teams when USA Basketball announced the squad on Tuesday. Bird won gold medals in 2002 and 2010 and a bronze medal in 2006.

"It just means I've been playing a lot of years," Bird said before the team left for its overseas exhibitions. "We have a lot of other veterans in this group and I'm sure we'll have a good mix of experience and youth." U.S. coach Geno Auriemma is impressed by Bird's longevity.

"I think it's a testament to Sue," he said. "That's a period of 12 years. She played right after graduating college. It is amazing that her level of play has been that consistent for that many years at a position that is not easy to play. That's kind of who she is. She is very steady, very even keeled,

unbelievably talented and wins. The players trust her, and they have confidence in her." Joining her on the squad were veterans Diana Taurasi, Candice Dupree, Tina Charles, Angel McCoughtry, Maya Moore, Lindsay Whalen and Seimone Augustus. All seven of them have world championship experience, with Augustus playing on the 2006 team and the other six on the 2010 team that won a gold medal in the Czech Republic.

Brittney Griner, Nneka Ogwumike, Odyssey Sims and Breanna Stewart will make their first appearance at the world championship, which begins Saturday in Istanbul.

"I think from what I can see, we've got a little bit of everything," Auriemma said. "We still have, obviously, some things that we have to work on. Brittney is going to get here, and this will be her first time through this. Odyssey's first time. □

Messaging app seeks to bring voices back to phones

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Longtime technology guru Ray Ozzie wants to bring back the emotions of the human voice to phones. His mission began more than two years ago as Ozzie noticed people were increasingly communicating through texts, emails and social media posts instead of calling each other.

"When you see nothing but words and numbers, it becomes very mechanical and very transactional," Ozzie said in an interview. "But when you hear the sound of someone's voice, it really brings it much closer to home."

Ozzie, 58, Microsoft's former chief software architect, hopes to orchestrate voice's comeback through Talko, a mobile application being released Tuesday for the iPhone. A version for An-

droid phones is expected in a few months.

Talko sends the equivalent of text messages in the form of a spoken word. Talko users can record a voice message and send it over the Internet to anyone else with the app. Recipients listen to the recording when it's convenient, rather than being interrupted by a traditional phone call.

All messages will be stored for 10 days, though users can buy a subscription — expected to be \$5 to \$9 per month — to permanently store messages. For the first few months, Talko will store all voice recordings for free.

Users can choose to make their recordings available to more than one person, a feature that Ozzie believes will make Talko ideal for employees working in the same department of a company.

The five DigitalGlobe work-



In this Sept. 16, 2014 photo, Ray Ozzie, of the new startup Talko, poses for photographs in San Francisco. Associated Press

ers who installed the app in July as part of Talko's testing didn't use it much initially, partly because they were so accustomed to texting and emailing each other or trying to schedule a conference call when

they needed to talk, said Ed Locher, DigitalGlobe's senior vice president of corporate marketing. But Talko turned out to be valuable in the five days leading up to the launch of a DigitalGlobe satellite last month, Locher said. "It reminded me of a walkie talkie," he said. "It was much faster than texting or trying to set up a conference call."

Ozzie isn't under the delusion that voice messages are going to supplant popular communications apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat and Tango, which combine texts and photo sharing. Talko also accommodates texts and photos to supplement the voice recordings.

Another technology industry veteran, Alan Braverman, also is trying to give voices a new outlet on phones. Last week, his San Francisco startup incubator, Giant Pixel, released an iPhone and iPad app called Sobo that offers a vocal twist to Twitter, the popular short-messaging network. Sobo users can record six-second sound bites that are then broadcast to their followers. Braverman is best known as a co-founder of Yammer, a social networking tool for businesses that Microsoft Corp. bought for \$1.2 billion in 2012.

Meanwhile, the Messages app in Apple's new iOS 8

software for mobile devices also lets users record and send short audio messages. Recipients raise their iPhones to their ears to automatically play the message. Under default settings, messages expire two minutes after listening. Ozzie was well known before Microsoft bought one of his previous startups, Groove Networks, for an undisclosed amount in 2005. In the 1980s, he played a key role in creating a suite of document-sharing tools at Lotus Development Corp., now owned by IBM Corp. Shortly after joining Microsoft, Ozzie succeeded company co-founder Bill Gates as chief software architect, a role he held until he left Microsoft in 2010.

The 11-employee startup behind Talko is funded by Ozzie's personal fortune and investments from venture capital firms Andreesen Horowitz and Greylock Partners. Kapor Capital, a venture capital firm that includes Lotus founder Mitch Kapor, also is backing Talko.

Although Talko is focusing on the business market, Ozzie said he hopes employees will have such a positive experience that they will encourage their family members and friends to install the app, too. "I really do believe it will spread by word of mouth," Ozzie said. □

Goodgame Studios reveals revenue, coy on IPO plans

FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German online games company Goodgame Studios has for the first time revealed financial details of its business amid reports it is planning a stock market floatation.

Several media reports have claimed that Goodgame could be the latest German tech company to seek an initial public offering, or IPO, after fellow German startups Zalando and Rocket Internet recently announced plans to do so.

In a telephone interview, Goodgame's founders described the reports as rumors but declined to rule out an IPO.

"Of course we always examine all the options," said Kai Wawrzinek.

His comments came as the company, owned by Hamburg-based Altigi GmbH, said it had adjusted revenues of 98 million

euros (\$126 million) in the first six months of 2014, almost matching the full-year figure of 102 million euros for 2013.

And earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization reached 20.1 million euros in this year's first half, compared with 13.3 million euros for all of 2013, according to figures provided Tuesday to The Associated Press. That gauge of profitability, commonly known as EBITDA, is closely scrutinized by investors before they buy shares.

Kai's brother and co-founder, Christian Wawrzinek, said the immediate motivation for releasing the figures was to provide greater transparency on Goodgame's growth as a means of attracting high-caliber employees. The company now has about 1,000 staff and hundreds of vacancies.

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Goodgame has some 220 million registered players for titles such as Shadow Kings, Empire and Big Farm. While its games are free to play on either desktops or mobile devices, the company makes its money from in-game purchases. Up to a quarter of Goodgame's employees are scientists and economists, dedicated to analyzing what players like and don't like — and consequently pay for.

The business model is reflected in the calculated approach that the Wawrzineks took to launching the company five years ago. Kai, a lawyer, and Christian, a dentist, both completed their doctorates before taking out a 500,000-euro loan from a local savings bank to start Goodgame. □

Europe, Syria drag on global stock markets

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Grim economic news from Europe and airstrikes in Syria rattled global stocks Tuesday.

Most of the damage was felt in European markets, which fell sharply after a closely watched gauge of business activity for the

for months. The eurozone economy has been flat or barely growing since April, hobbled by the lingering effects of a debt crisis, uncertainty over a conflict in Ukraine and a lack of confidence among European consumers, businesses and banks.

"It has a very feeble recovery going on that is vulnera-

card loans. But it has yet to go as far as the U.S. Federal Reserve did, buying government bonds in an effort to push long-term interest rates lower.

Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics, is not optimistic: "Recovery will take years." European market indexes sank after the economic



Traders Gregory Rowe, left, and Robert Charmack work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Grim economic news from Europe and airstrikes in Syria rattled global stocks Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

region fell to a nine-month low. The disappointing news about Europe's economy also weighed down Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average opened lower and finished the day with its second triple-digit loss in a row.

Investors have been dealing with meager economic growth in Europe

ble to even the slightest external shock," said Jacob Kirkegaard, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

The European Central Bank has announced a series of measures to jolt the economy, cutting interest and pumping money into the financial system by buying bonds backed by assets such as auto and credit-

news. Germany's DAX fell 1.6 percent, France's CAC 40 fell 1.9 percent and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 lost 1 percent.

In U.S., the Dow slid 116.81 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,055.87. The S&P 500 index lost 11.52 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,982.77 and the Nasdaq composite fell 19 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,508.69.

The Dow's triple-digit fall on Tuesday follows a 107-point stumble from the day before. The blue-chip index hasn't posted two losses of 100 or more points since June. Still, the outlook in the U.S. is far more positive than Europe. The economy has been gaining strength after getting off to a slow start this year. Growth reached a 4.2 percent annual pace from April through June. Unemployment has dropped to 6.1 percent in August from 7.2 percent a year earlier. Employers have been adding 215,000 jobs a month this year, up from 194,000 a month in 2013. Consumers are more confident and willing to take on debt.

But individual countries' economies cannot stand on their own in today's global economy. If Europe and Asian economies were to lose more traction, it could spill over into the U.S., traders say. Companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, for example, generate nearly half their sales abroad.

"When it comes right down to it, U.S. companies do business globally," said Quincy Crosby, a market strategist with Prudential Financial. "Unless global demand can keep up, it's going to start hurting these companies."

Along with the bad economic news, investors had geopolitical concerns to worry about Tuesday. The U.S. and five Arab nations attacked the Islamic State group's headquarters in eastern Syria in nighttime raids Tuesday.

Goodgame group revealing revenue, coy over IPO plans

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German online games company Goodgame Studios has for the first time revealed financial details of its business amid reports it is planning a stock market floatation.

Several media reports have claimed that Goodgame could be the latest German tech company to seek an initial public offering, or IPO, after fellow German startups Zalando and Rocket Internet recently announced plans to do so.

In a telephone interview, Goodgame's founders described the reports as rumors but declined to rule out an IPO.

"Of course we always examine all the options," said Kai Wawrzinek.

His comments came as the company, owned by Hamburg-based Altigi GmbH, said it had adjusted revenues of 98 million euros (\$126 million) in the first six months of 2014, almost matching the full-year figure of 102 million euros for 2013.

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P&G selling rest of pet business to Spectrum

NEW YORK (AP) — The Procter & Gamble Co. is selling its Iams and Eukanuba brands in Europe to Spectrum Brands, shedding the remaining parts of its pet care business.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

The transaction includes 42 markets in Europe. P&G said that exiting the pet care business will help it focus on its core businesses. Its brands include Tide deter-

gent and Pampers diapers. Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc. is a consumer products company whose pet group brands include Tetra, Furrinator and Dingo.

In April, Cincinnati-based P&G said that it was selling 80 percent of its global pet care business — including North America and Latin America — to Mars Inc. Europe was not included in that transaction, except for Russia and Turkey. Mars

later agreed to buy an additional 10 percent of P&G's pet care business in additional markets such as Japan, Australia and South Africa.

The portion of the pet care business that Spectrum is buying has about \$200 million in annual sales. Spectrum said in a statement that the acquisition will give its United Pet Group unit access to the growing European dog and cat

food market. Its board has approved the transaction. Spectrum Brands, based in Middleton, Wisconsin, also has brands including Rayovac, Black & Decker and Farberware.

P&G's deal with Spectrum is targeted to close next year. P&G's stock slipped 7 cents to \$84.74 in morning trading Tuesday, while Spectrum Brands Holdings shares gained \$2.62, or 3 percent, to \$88.75.

EMC explored mergers with titans Hewlett-Packard, Dell

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Faced with the impending retirement of its chief executive, weakness in its core market, and a rebellion by activist shareholders, the Hopkinton, Massachusetts-based data storage giant EMC Corp. has been looking to make a deal with two titans of enterprise computing. "They're being pressured and chased out of their comfort zone, so they're exploring all kinds of options," said James Kelleher, senior analyst at Argus Research in New York.

EMC held off-and-on talks with Hewlett-Packard Co. over the past year, according to a Monday report in The Wall Street Journal.

A deal would have formed a digital behemoth with a combined market value of nearly \$129 billion.

The discussions ended recently without a resolution. Similar talks were also held with another major computer company, Dell Inc., the Journal reported.

EMC is the leading maker of high-end data-storage systems used by corporations and governments around the world.

Nearly 70 percent of the company's 2013 revenue of \$23.2 billion came from these products. Its market segment, though, is beset by weakness.

Businesses are storing more data than ever, but the cost of storing a gigabyte of data has plummeted and continues to fall, so data-storage companies can't charge as much for their products as they once did. More important, businesses are finding ways to make more efficient use of the storage they already have, instead of buying more.

According to IDC Corp. in Framingham, global sales of high-end data-storage gear dropped 25 percent in the first quarter of 2014.

EMC's storage business outperformed the overall industry. Still, during the first six months of the year, EMC's storage revenue declined by 1 percent from the same period in 2013.

EMC's second-biggest business, VMware, is doing much better. EMC owns about 80 percent of VMware, a Palo Alto, Calif., company that makes virtualization software to help organizations more efficiently use their storage systems -- exactly the kind of product that's cutting into EMC's storage hardware revenues. Sales of VMware products increased 16 percent in the first half of the year.

The company's other key businesses are Pivotal, a cloud computing software and services business launched last year, and RSA Security, a major provider of data security, software, and services.

While EMC is solidly profitable and highly regarded with 63,900 employees worldwide, investors have fretted over the lackluster performance of the company's shares. EMC stock peaked during the technology boom early in the century, rising as high as \$103.25 in September 2000. In the ensuing 14 years, the stock never again approached such rarified heights.

On Monday, EMC stock closed at \$29.68, up 15 cents, or 0.5 percent, on the New York Stock Exchange.

The New York hedge fund Elliott Management, which holds more than \$1 billion worth of EMC shares, has been pressing the company to break itself up and sell off the pieces. A hookup with HP or Dell could calm EMC investors who say the company has failed to fully exploit the value of its key business units.

"EMC is sort of in a quagmire situation," said Daniel Ives, managing director of FBR Capital Markets in New York. "Facets of its business are growing strongly, but on the other hand, pieces such as legacy storage have been a big overhang on growth." □

Siemens betting \$7.6B on US fracking

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FRANKFURT, Germany - The German engineering conglomerate Siemens already makes a range of products for the U.S. energy sector, including gas turbines and equipment for generating electricity from wind. But in acquiring the Dresser-Rand Group, a Houston-based oil services company, in a \$7.6 billion deal announced this week, Siemens signaled an even bigger push into the booming U.S. sector. The deal also demonstrated how much big corporate suitors are willing to pay for companies with a strong market niche.

The price tag was seen as high, especially considering that orders for Dresser-Rand's oil and gas products and services slumped last year.

But Siemens is betting that, in the long term, Dresser-Rand will strengthen its ability to cash in on unconventional drilling techniques such as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that have made the United States what Joe Kaeser, the Siemens chief executive, has called "the place to be for oil and gas." Kaeser acknowledged Monday that "the price is on the high side." But during a conference call with analysts and journalists he said the investment would pay off in

the long term.

"It matters more what value is created," he said.

Kaeser signaled the shift toward the United States in May when, as part of a larg-



Flags of German engineering conglomerate Siemens AG flutter before the annual shareholder meeting in Munich, southern Germany. In acquiring the Dresser-Rand Group, Siemens is signaling a bigger push into the booming U.S. energy sector.

(AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)

er reorganization, he hired Lisa Davis, an American and former executive at Royal Dutch Shell, to oversee Siemens' energy-related businesses. Siemens is also moving the headquarters of its energy businesses to the United States.

"They are reinforcing their oil and gas business and focusing more on the U.S. market," Julien Laurent, an oil and gas analyst at Natixis in Paris, said Monday.

With Siemens' all-cash bid of \$83 a share for Dresser-Rand, Kaeser outbid his former boss, Peter Löscher, now the chairman of Sulzer, a Swiss maker of pumps and of other equipment for the

lems that caused the company to miss its profit targets. Kaeser, previously the chief financial officer of Siemens, was named to replace him, and is under intense pressure to deliver better profit growth.

Sulzer acknowledged last week that it was in talks with Dresser-Rand. Siemens said it expected to close the sale by the summer of next year. The acquisition of Dresser-Rand also allows Kaeser to claim a victory after a recent defeat to its longtime rival, General Electric. Over the summer, Siemens lost out to GE for the energy assets being sold by the French industrial group Alstom. □

CF Industries, Yara in merger talks

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — CF Industries is in preliminary talks with Norway's Yara International about a possible merger that would create a mammoth player in the fertilizer industry. The combined company would have a market capitalization of more than \$26 billion, second only to Potash Corp. of Canada. However, it would have annual sales of about \$20 billion, almost three times that of Potash.

Yara International ASA confirmed the talks Tuesday, but both companies say there is no guarantee that a deal will be completed.

Producing fertilizer is an

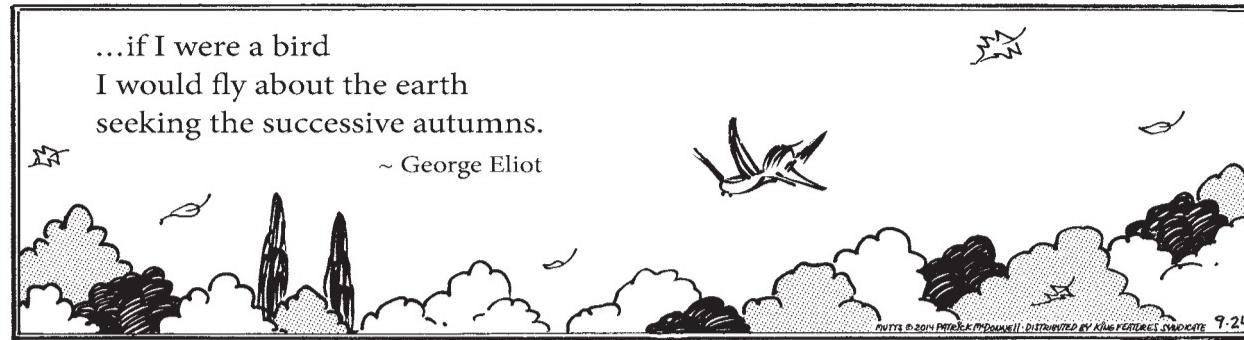
extremely energy-intensive process and natural gas is a huge feedstock in the industry. A tie-up with CF Industries Holdings Inc., based in Deerfield, Illinois, could give Yara easier access to cheap U.S. natural gas supplies.

And merger talks between the two are occurring in the midst of a global agricultural boom. The U.S. Department of Agriculture this month said that corn and soybean farmers will reap the largest harvest ever this year. There is an aggressive push to ramp up grain and livestock production in China, India and other developing countries around the globe.

While the deal could lock in cheap energy prices for Yara, it would open up global markets to CF Industries. Yara has a broad, global presence, with facilities and warehouses in dozens of countries and sales to more than 150 countries.

CF concentrates on nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing and distribution. It has seven nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing complexes in the central U.S. and Canada and a network of fertilizer distribution terminals and warehouses mostly in the Midwest. Shares of CF Industries climbed more than 7 percent before the opening bell Tuesday. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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9 Firefox alternative
10 Mountain goat
11 Escape
12 Koppel and Turner
14 Put clothes on lawn trees
21 Dined
25 Wetland
27 One who lays asphalt
28 Nimble
29 Carried
30 Pitcher's delights
31 Restrict
32 Baggy
33 Hole-making tool
34 Reign
38 Tapioca and others
39 One believed to be guilty of a crime
41 Fellows
42 Meaning; main point
44 Forest homes
45 Was impudent
47 Metal piece on a door's edge
48 Flower stalk
- 1 Use a stun gun
4 Walked the floor
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16 Up to the task
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20 __ in Seattle;
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35 Mailman's beat
36 Debtor's note
37 Gung ho
38 Taps a golf ball
39 Dirty air
40 Singer Tillis
41 Burros
42 False front; pretext
43 Occurred prior to
45 Nun
46 Conjunction
47 Trapdoor fastener
48 Messy person
51 Adamant
56 Hired vehicle
57 Lunchtimes
58 So-so grades
60 Like 2, 4 and 6
61 Measuring device
62 Ensnare
63 "A __ home is his castle"
64 Tear to bits
65 Moistureless
- DOWN
- 1 __ code; part of an address
2 __ a test; passes easily
3 Ring out
4 Lowlands of South America
5 Like Pisa's tower
6 Ice cream scoop holder
- 49 Etna's output
50 Plow animals
52 Ark builder
53 Bitter
54 Bookish fellow
55 Drop of sorrow
59 Secret agent

North Carolina

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"We're seeing the spirit of North Carolina rising up," Barber said. The Republicans in power today, he said, have enacted tax breaks that favor the wealthy, loosened environmental regulations and declined to expand Medicaid benefits to 500,000 under the Affordable Care Act here, in a state where 16.8 percent of residents live below the poverty line. "This is extremism gone wild, really," he said.

No Clear Answers

So far, the Senate race has done little to clarify who is winning the argument. Hagan appears to have a slight lead in polls, although her advantage is within the surveys' margins of error. Also running is a libertarian candidate, Sean Haugh, who could siphon some votes away from Tillis. Public education has become a central issue, underlining the state's struggle to reconcile a tradition of robust public investment with the small-government ethos of modern-day conservatism.

Hagan has criticized Tillis for his support of the two-year budget, passed in 2013, in which lawmakers provided funding \$481 million short of what would have been needed to maintain educational services at then-current levels.

Tillis' backers have praised his support of a \$282 million package to raise teachers' salaries, which was approved by the legislature in July. Pope McCorkle III, an associate professor of public policy at Duke University and a former Democratic political consultant, said that politicians and business leaders here have long praised the idea that education was the best route to economic progress for what was once a mostly rural state of small textile manufacturers and tobacco farmers.

The strategy was at the heart of what might be called North Carolina exceptionalism: a sense that the state, through wise

public spending, could live up to the official state toast, enacted by lawmakers in 1957, which speaks of a place "where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great."

These days, however, North Carolina exceptionalism is on the ropes. McCorkle said that for decades state leaders, chief among them Jim Hunt, the four-term Democratic governor, were able to finance public education and other major public works by encouraging growth in the private sector, thus limiting the need to increase taxes.

Monitoring a Shift

John Hood, the president and chairman of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative group, has said that the recession laid bare the "fanciful image" that some state leaders had painted over the years. Hood argues that North Carolina exceptionalism has not delivered "exceptional results."

"South Carolina doesn't have a prestigious university like Chapel Hill," he said, "but their growth has been about the same as ours." He added, "The voters saw something wasn't working."

In 2010 and again in 2012, many voters sided with Republican candidates who agreed with Hood's contention that previous politicians had burdened the state with an uncompetitive tax structure, an excess of regulation and a flawed education plan. But devising a new education formula has proved particularly controversial, even among Republicans. Finding the money to fund the teacher raises after the passage of generous tax cuts kept lawmakers, including Tillis, stuck in the capital weeks beyond their deadline as they tried to compromise.

Hagan is hoping that the lingering anger over the legislature's actions will carry her to victory in November. Lawmakers adjourned on Aug. 20, and Moral Monday leaders, after a "Week of Moral Action" protests in August, have pledged that their volunteers would be working to register voters statewide until Election Day. □

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Study links changing winds to warming in Pacific

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Associated Press

A new study released Monday found that warming temperatures in Pacific Ocean waters off the coast of North America over the past century closely followed natural changes in the wind, not increases in greenhouse gases related to global warming.

The study compared ocean surface temperatures from 1900 to 2012 to surface air pressure, a stand-in for wind measurements, and found a close match.

"What we found was the somewhat surprising degree to which the winds can explain all the wiggles in the temperature curve," said lead author Jim Johnstone, who did the work while a climatologist at the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean at the University of Washington.

"So clearly, there are other factors stronger than the greenhouse forcing that is affecting those temperatures," he added.

The study released by the



This Sept. 18, 2008, file photo shows Pyramid Rock, center, off Tillamook, Ore.

Associated Press

online edition of the peer-reviewed journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences does not question global warming, but argues there is evidence that in at least one place, local winds are a more important factor explaining ocean warming than greenhouse gases. It was greeted with skepticism by several mainstream climate scientists, who questioned how the authors could claim changes in wind direction and velocity were natural

and unrelated to climate change.

They pointed out that the study sees a correlation but did not do the rigorous statistical and computer analysis to show that the cause of the wind changes were natural—the kind of analysis done when scientists attribute weather extremes to global warming.

"This may say more about the state of climate modeling than it says about causes of warming in the Pacific Northwest," Ken Caldeira, an atmospheric

scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science's Department of Global Ecology, said in an email. "The authors ... have not established the causes of these atmospheric pressure variations. Thus, claims that the observed temperature increases are due primarily to 'natural' processes are suspect and premature, at best."

Johnstone and co-author Nathan Mantua, a research scientist with the NOAA Fisheries Service in Santa Cruz, California,

pointed to the fact that one steep ocean warming period from 1920 to 1940 predates the big increases in greenhouse gases, and an ocean cooling period from 1998 to 2013 came while global average temperatures were at or near all-time highs.

They also noted that the wind changes consistently preceded the ocean surface temperature variations by about four months, showing the wind was causing the changes to temperature, not the other way around.

James Overland, a research oceanographer at the NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, said the study reinforced findings that the North Pacific has a lot of natural variability in 5- to 20-year time scales, and he reached the same conclusions on changes in the Bering Sea.

"Natural variability cannot be ruled out as an important mechanism," he said in an email.

During the entire period from 1900 to 2012. □

Dragon arrives at space station with 3-D printer

MARCI DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida.

(AP) — The International Space Station accepted another SpaceX shipment Tuesday, this one containing the first 3-D printer ever launched into orbit.

Two days after blasting off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the SpaceX cargo ship, Dragon, arrived at the

space station. German astronaut Alexander Gerst used the robot arm to grab the capsule.

"Well done capturing that Dragon," Mission Control radioed. Two hours later, the capsule was bolted into place.

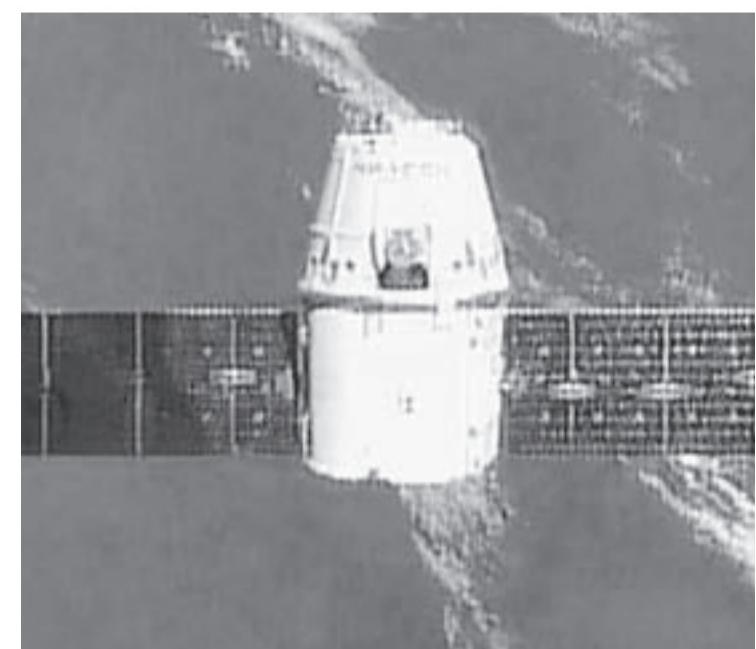
The Dragon is delivering more than 5,000 pounds (2,270 kilograms) of supplies. The 3-D printer — an

experimental model — is the headliner payload. Also on board: mice and flies for biological research, fresh spacesuit batteries so NASA can resume routine spacewalks, and a \$30 million instrument to measure ocean wind, along with the usual assortment of food and clothes.

NASA is paying SpaceX to stock the space station.

Last week, the California-based company won the right to transport astronauts, too. That's still a few years off.

The Dragon will remain at the orbiting outpost for about a month. It will be filled with science experiments for return to Earth. The Dragon is the only unmanned cargo capsule capable of returning items.



In this photo provided by NASA, the SpaceX Dragon private space freighter approaches the International Space Station, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. Two days after blasting off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Dragon arrived at the space station containing the first 3-D printer ever launched into orbit.

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This was the fifth Dragon to visit the space station.

"We're happy to have a new vehicle on board," Gerst said.

Another spacecraft is due to arrive in a couple days.

Russia is poised to launch a Soyuz spacecraft from Kazakhstan on Thursday with a three-person crew. That will bring the number of astronauts at the space station to the usual six. □

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Farrell, Vaughn set for 'True Detective' season 2



In this Nov. 3, 2013 file photo, Vince Vaughn arrives at the world premiere of "Delivery Man" at The El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles.

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn will star in the second season of HBO's "True Detective."

The eight-episode drama series will begin production in California this fall, the premium cable chan-

nel said Tuesday. Farrell will play a compromised detective, Ray, who is divided between his loyalty to his bosses in a corrupt police department and a mobster with a hold over him.

Vince Vaughn co-stars as Frank, a criminal whose move into legitimate business is disrupted by a busi-

ness partner's murder. HBO had a critically acclaimed hit with the first season of "True Detective," which starred the Emmy-nominated Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson. The air date for the second season was not announced.

Season one of "True De-

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In this Dec. 9, 2013 file photo, Colin Farrell arrives at the U.S. Premiere of "Saving Mr. Banks" - Arrivals at Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.

tective" paired two actors known primarily for their big-screen work in a twisted, noir-ish tale. McConaughey and Harrelson played former Louisiana State Police detectives interrogated in 2012 about a homicide case they're shown working, in flashback, in 1995. The crime drama provoked some grumbling when it was entered in the Emmy Awards drama series cat-

egory despite its abbreviated eight-episode run and the likelihood its stars wouldn't return for the next go-around.

"True Detective" ended up losing the best drama Emmy to "Breaking Bad," while McConaughey and Harrelson also failed to grab Emmy gold — although the former, an Oscar winner this year for "Dallas Buyers Club," was seen as the frontrunner.

Rare Warhol paintings headed to NYC auction



This undated photo provided by Christie's shows Andy Warhol's "Four Marlons," which is going on the auction block at Christie's in New York this November.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Elvis Presley. Marlon Brando. Andy Warhol. The A-list trifecta of music, film and art is going on the auction block at Christie's in November.

"Triple Elvis (Ferus Type)" and "Four Marlons" rate among Warhol's most famous portraits. The monumental paintings, each nearly 7 feet (2.1 meters) high, have never appeared at auction before and could bring a combined total of \$130 million when they go up for bid on Nov. 12.

Christie's said they are being sold separately, and estimates for each were not yet available.

The Elvis, executed in ink and silver paint in 1963, depicts the rock 'n' roll heartthrob as a cowboy, armed and shooting from the hip. The Brando silkscreen, created three years later,

shows the Hollywood actor on a motorcycle and black leather jacket, an image that's repeated four times. Both are being sold by German casino company WestSpiel, which acquired them in the late 1970s for one of its casinos.

"Given the current strength of the market, especially for works by Andy Warhol, it is now the right moment to part from these works," WestSpiel director Lothar Dunkel said in a statement. Warhol produced a series of 22 images of Elvis. His "Double Elvis (Ferus Type)" sold for \$37 million at Sotheby's in 2012.

The appetite for Warhol works appears unstoppable. Last year, his "Silver Car Crash (Double Disaster)" sold at Sotheby's for \$105.4 million, an auction record for the artist.

Brett Gorvy, Christie's international head of post-war and contemporary art,

said Warhol loved repetition and used it "both as a way of creating a narrative ... and a way of really commenting on society."

The repetition in "Triple Elvis," also had a cinematic feel, said Gorvy, adding, "You have that sense of cinematic motion of ultimately the gun shooting while it's a static image."

Gorvy called the Brando extremely rare, with only one other quadruple Brando in the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art in Copenhagen.

A "Double Marlon" sold at Christie's for \$32.5 million in 2008.

"What's fantastic about this is it's painted on raw linen. So where the silver Elvis is painted on a sprayed surface, here the silk screen is literally impregnated into the raw linen," said Gorvy. "It's the only time that Warhol really tried this."

Kerry Washington helps launch 'Scandal' collection



Kerry Washington attends The Limited Collection Inspired by Scandal launch party on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Washington wants women to look as powerful and put together as her TV persona. Fashion retailer The Limited has teamed up with the "Scandal" star and the show's costume designer, Lyn Paolo, for a collection inspired by the ABC drama, which premieres its fourth season on Thursday.

Washington appeared at a launch party for the line on Monday, where she said it was important for clothing to be accessible.

"There are women who can literally afford to dress like Olivia Pope, and I don't know how, because those clothes are very, very, very expensive," she said with a laugh. "There are other people who can't, and there is no reason why only the people who make a certain amount of money should have access to this feminine power in fashion, you know? This line is created so that everybody can find their own inner gladiator. That every woman

can be powerful and sexy, brilliant and smart and gorgeous, fashion-forward. You know, it's just there's no limit to who you can be." There are 42 looks in the Scandal Collection, including tops, jackets, outerwear and, of course, pants, because, as Washington says: "Olivia Pope wears the pants both literally and figuratively."

Last year, Paolo, with Washington's input, created window displays for Saks Fifth Avenue by dressing its mannequins like "Scandal" characters. The displays featured clothing by high-end designers such as Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors, Donna Karan and Carolina Herrera.

The 37-year-old actress wasn't as keen to talk about a New York Times article by TV critic Alessandra Stanley, where the writer referred to "Scandal" producer Shonda Rhimes as an "angry black woman." On Monday, the newspaper's public editor called the article "astonishingly tone-deaf and out of touch." □



In this Jan. 17, 2012, file photo, celebrity chef Paula Deen poses for a portrait in New York. The Paula Deen Network, that is heavy on new videos starring the celebrity chef, goes live Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014.

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Paula Deen documentary tells her side of downfall

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Former Food Network star Paula Deen is ready to tell her side of the story behind the racist remark that decimated her career, but you'll need to pay to hear it.

Deen has been working on a documentary about herself and her downfall — triggered in 2013 by her acknowledgment that she'd used a racial slur in the past — but it will only be available to subscribers of her new website, the Paula Deen Network. Recipe content on the site will be free, but viewers will need to pay \$9.99 a month to view videos.

"We hope to have it out the first of the year and tell everybody the true story of what really happened," Deen said of the documentary during a recent telephone interview. "It was a painful year for me. It was a hurtful year when I found myself being labeled for something I was not."

The website, which launch-

es Wednesday, will feature an ambitious array of original video content, including traditional cooking shows as well as lifestyle and game show segments, all starring Deen and her sons. The site, which will include no outside advertising or sponsors, also includes thousands of Deen's recipes, as well as menu planning tools.

The site and documentary are part of a larger effort by the star and her backers to resuscitate her career after a one-two punch of public relations disasters cost her nearly all her book, TV and endorsement deals.

In 2012, she was criticized for announcing she had both diabetes and a lucrative endorsement deal for a drug to treat the condition she'd until then hidden. A year later, during a legal dispute with a former employee who accused her of racial discrimination and sexual harassment, she acknowledged having used racial slurs in the past. The experience was pain-

ful, but valuable, Deen told the AP. "I learned the power of words, how they have the ability to hurt and once you say certain words you can't un-ring it, not even 30 years later."

Deen — whose comeback effort began earlier this year, when private investment firm Najafi Companies put up \$75 million to \$100 million to rebuild her — said she had opportunities to return to traditional television, but both she and her fans preferred the flexibility and social elements of the digital world.

The new site, which is being overseen by longtime Deen producer Gordon Elliot, also will feature all of the content Deen produced during her more than 10 years at the Food Network. The network parted ways with her following the revelations about her comments. Deen wouldn't say how much it cost to acquire the videos, only that it was "very valuable to us." That content will be slowly rolled out for subscribers. □

The Right to Rant



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Congress is gone. But not forgotten.

OK, to be honest, they're totally forgotten. The members of the House and Senate have been out of session for about a day, and the nation has already totally wiped them from the memory bank.

Oh, America's Legislature, we hardly knew ye.

Before decamping to go home and run for re-election, our elected representatives voted to fund the government and go to war. Pretty much ran the table on their constitutional responsibilities. Normally, that sort of thing would draw attention.

"Before I came here I imagined that when war was discussed, everybody would be at their desk," complained Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, to a rather vacant chamber.

To be fair, Congress actually just gave a vague grunt of acceptance to one part of President Barack Obama's strategy to combat the Islamic State. (It could have gone further, but you know how much these guys like leaving everything up to the president.) And it averted a government shutdown by decreeing that we will keep on spending whatever it is we've been spending for a couple more months.

"You don't get perfect," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House minority whip.

We were all actually aware of that.

On the plus side - bipartisan! Republicans and Democrats joined together in what was the legislative version of a deep, depressive sigh.

"The bill before us is an imperfect bill."

"I don't think we have a better option."

They were very possibly right. In theory, Congress is supposed to figure out how much money every federal department needs, and then pass some spending bills. However, the system's been collapsing under partisan pressures for years. The last time it was normal to start every fiscal year with the money plan totally under control, air travel was glamorous.

And when it came to the Obama plans for Syria and Iraq, the members were faced with a rather distressing series of options: A) Give up on the whole idea of doing something about the Islamic State. B) Come up with their own idea for doing

something about the Islamic State. Or C) Just stay in Washington and keep talking.

While the stay-and-talk option might have been the most honorable path, I think I speak for many Americans in saying that I cannot imagine them coming up with anything helpful. But we should at least reserve the right to rant. They went home! Early! Let's discuss, just for the heck of it, a couple of the things Congress did not feel constrained to do before they went back to meet the voters.

What about corporate inversion - the growing tendency of U.S. companies to magically transform themselves into foreign entities in order to avoid paying U.S. taxes? The White House asked Congress to pass a fairly simple plan to deal with that. No dice. Defending his members Thursday, House Speaker John Boehner said that fixing inversion is way too low a bar and what they should really do is reform "the whole tax code."

People, how many of you think Congress is going to fix the whole tax code? It's like saying you aren't going to open a door because the public really deserves to see the house levitated.

Speaking of the House, its Ways and Means Committee, which is run by Boehner's very own party, did come up with a sweeping plan for tax reform this year. The speaker promptly made fun of it. ("Blah, blah, blah, blah.") Having completely and thoroughly slammed the door on any discussion of the bill, he told reporters this week that he was "shocked at how little I have heard about it."

Then there's political intelligence. (I know, I know. Stop snickering.) Reformers want to avert the possibility that congressional insiders might pass on insider information to research firms that counsel investors. For instance, imagine there's a change coming in government payment rates for health insurers. If, say, a Senate staffer leaked that information, it might cause the stock in said firms to soar before the world is informed of the new policy. Which actually happened last year.

Congress had tackled the problem as part of a bill barring members from insider trading that passed in 2012. The House majority leader, Eric Cantor, stripped the provision out at the last minute. Perhaps you remember Eric Cantor. He was the guy who got tossed out of office in a primary in which his totally unknown opponent claimed Cantor was a creature of crony capitalism. A bipartisan trio of House members is now trying to revive the idea. Louise Slaughter of New York, one of the sponsors, says a bill's been introduced. But although there is no end to the marvelous achievements people are predicting for the after-election lame-duck session. Congress reforming itself is not one of them.

"Not a snowball's chance in hell," Slaughter said.

Cantor is now a brand-new member of the investment banking industry. With \$1.4 million in signing bonuses.

OK, that was the rant. I feel much better. □



Even With Airstrikes, An Illusion in Syria



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Across years of war and at an extraordinary cost, the United States built an army that was supposed to prevent jihadists from gaining a sanctuary in the heart of the Middle East. It had U.S.-trained leaders, U.S.-made weaponry and 250,000 men under arms - far more troops and firepower than any insurgent force that might emerge to challenge it.

That army was the Iraqi Army, and we know what happened next: The Syrian civil war spilled over into Iraq, jihadists first found a foothold and then led an insurgency against the Iraqi military, and the jihadists won. U.S.-organized units were routed; U.S.-trained soldiers fled; U.S.-made weapons fell into the hands of the Islamic State, the self-declared caliphate with which we ourselves are now at war.

Perhaps, just perhaps, there might be a lesson here about how hard it is to conjure up reliable allies amid the chaos of the current Middle East. But if so, we seem determined not to learn it, since our official strategy for fighting the Islamic State involves basically trying the same thing again, this time on the cheap: inventing allies, funneling them money and weaponry, and telling ourselves that it will all work out.

Those allies are the "moderate" and "vetted" - euphemisms for "not as scary as the other guys" - rebels in Syria, whom Congress

voted last week to finance and train and arm. As fighting forces go, they promise to be rather less impressive than the last army we trained, since if all goes well just 5,000 rebels will be ready for the fight this year, or about one-sixth as many fighters as the Islamic State now has under arms. (And those odds get even longer when you consider that the rebels intend to use our weapons to fight the Assad regime, as well.)

If our failure to build an army capable of stabilizing Iraq after our departure looks like a pure tragedy, then the arm-the-rebels gambit in Syria has more than a whiff of farce. But really it's a studied evasion, a way for this administration to pretend that we don't face a set of deeply unpleasant options in our quest to contain or crush the caliphate.

The first realistic, nonfarical option is the one the president seemed to choose initially, when he launched limited airstrikes to rescue the embattled Kurds last month. This would basically be a strategy of containment and attrition, oriented around the current lines of battle in Iraq, in which we see if the Kurds and those Iraqi Army units that didn't collapse can push the front westward, see if a post-Maliki government can woo local Sunni leaders, and use our air power to degrade the caliphate's fighting capacity while letting its internal weaknesses degrade it from within.

The trouble with containment is that it would leave the Islamic State in control of a great deal of territory (with more beheading videos, no doubt) for months and years to come. Hence the administration's pivot to Syria; hence the strategic dream palace that is our arm-the-rebels strategy.

The cold reality, though, is that defeating the Islamic State outright in Syria will take something

more substantial than dropping a few bombs in support of a few U.S.-trained moderates. Either the U.S. military will have to intervene in force (including with substantial ground troops) or we'll have to ally, in a very un-American display of machtpolitik, with Bashar Assad. Both options may have supporters within the Republican Party. Many hawks seem ready to send in ground forces, and John McCain has explicitly argued that we should be willing to go to war with both Assad and the Islamists at once. From Rand Paul, meanwhile, you hear what sounds like a version of the ally-with-Assad approach, albeit couched in somewhat ambiguous terms.

The White House would clearly prefer not to choose either path, either escalation. But its current approach seems likely to drift more in McCain's direction, with a gradual ramping-up (today bombing, tomorrow special forces, the next day ... ?) in Syria that makes a clash with Assad and a multifront war steadily more plausible.

There is still time for the president to reconsider, to fall back on the containment-and-attrition strategy in Iraq and avoid a major commitment inside Syria. That strategy does not promise the satisfaction of the Islamic State's immediate elimination. But neither does it require magically summoning up a reliable ally amid Syrian civil strife, making a deal with the region's bloodiest dictator, or returning once again to ground warfare and nation-building in a region where our efforts have so often been in vain.

It does not traffic, in other words, in the fond illusions that we took with us into Iraq in 2003, and that hard experience should have disabused us of by now. But some illusions are apparently just too powerful for America to shake. □



Romescada Mixes All of Catalonia

Romescada, a Catalan lobster stew, prepared in New York. Romesco, the rust-colored sauce made from fried bread, almonds, hazelnuts, red chile and garlic, is a common thread through many traditional Catalan dishes.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

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Romesco, the delicious rust-colored sauce from the Catalan region of Spain, is justly popular, served alongside grilled fish or as dip for vegetables. It is typically made with fresh and dried red peppers, roasted almonds and hazelnuts, a fair amount of garlic, and day-old bread fried in olive oil. These ingredients are pounded together (or, these days, whirled to a rough consistency in a machine), and olive oil is added until the mixture resembles a rough reddish mayonnaise. Sometimes, though, instead of being used for sauce, the same ingredients can become the base for a fish stew known as romesco de peix, or simply romescada. I first tasted romescada in Barcelona at the diminutive and truly wonderful Bar Pinotxo, a restaurant (well, a long counter with stools) inside the city's enormous old market, La Boquería. Since

the fishmongers are literally just steps away, every fish dish we tasted there was ultra-fresh. This earthy little stew stood out, reminiscent of bouillabaisse but with more chutzpah. (Generally, Catalan cuisine leans more French Mediterranean than the food of other Spanish regions; romesco is kind of like a gutsy version of rouille, the Provençal accompaniment to fish soup.) But you don't have to get on a plane to Spain for romescada if there's a good fish market near you. Stay home and make it yourself. Though the recipe may seem complex, it really isn't, and nearly every part of it can be prepared ahead. A simmering potful of romescada is also a nice way to ease back into the kitchen after a summer spent avoiding the stove.

CATALAN-STYLE SEAFOOD STEW

Time: 1 1/2 hours

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

2 lobsters, about 1 1/2

pounds each
1/4 cup whole almonds
1/4 cup hazelnuts
Extra-virgin olive oil
2 slices day-old bread from a large French or Italian loaf, crusts removed
1 medium onion, finely chopped
Salt and pepper
2 dried ñora chilies or 1 dried ancho chili, stems and seeds removed
1 fresh red Fresno chili, seeds removed and finely chopped
3 canned piquillo peppers, chopped (optional)
1 teaspoon pimentón dulce (sweet Spanish paprika)
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup fresh or canned tomato purée
1/2 cup dry white wine
12 littleneck clams or 24 manila clams, rinsed
3 tablespoons chopped parsley

1. Boil or steam lobsters for 10 minutes, then rinse with cool water. Crack shells, remove meat and cut into large chunks. Put shells in

a large pot, cover with 10 cups water and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Strain, reserve broth and discard shells.
2. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place almonds and hazelnuts on a baking sheet and roast until fairly dark, about 12 to 15 minutes. Rub skins from hazelnuts; discard skins.
3. Place a large, wide heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat and add olive oil to depth of 1/4 inch. When oil is hot, fry bread slices slowly on both sides until crisp and golden, 5 to 6 minutes, adjusting heat if bread is browning too quickly. Remove bread, drain on paper towel and cut into rough 1/2-inch cubes; set aside. Pour off all but about 4 tablespoons oil (save excess oil for another purpose). Add onion to pot, season with salt and pepper and cook until onion is softened and lightly colored, about 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, put dried ñora or ancho chilies in a

small pot of water and simmer for about 15 minutes, until softened, then drain, discarding water.

5. Put almonds, hazelnuts, fried bread, garlic, dried chilies, Fresno chilies, piquillo peppers and pimentón in a large mortar and pound to a rough paste. (You may use a food processor instead.)

6. Add chili mixture to softened onions and cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add tomato purée and wine and simmer until mixture has dried out a bit. Add 8 cups lobster broth and simmer until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Taste for salt and adjust seasoning. If too thick, add a little more broth. (May be prepared up to this point several hours ahead.)

7. To serve, bring to a brisk simmer and add clams. When clams begin to open, add lobster meat and cook 5 minutes more. Stir in parsley and ladle the stew into 4 to 6 large soup bowls. □